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## Ring & ride users down by 100,000

The number of trips taken by Ring and Ride users in the West Midlands has dropped by more than 100,000 compared to a year ago, new figures claim.

It comes after a 60p charge for a single fare was introduced in April to help with the running costs of the service used by elderly and disabled people to get around the region.

Bosses blame the current economic climate, with the rising cost of living, for fewer trips being made. Ring and Ride started in 1983 and is operated by the West Midlands Special Needs Transport charity. It receives funding from the seven councils in the region but due to budget cuts, financial support was cut.

New figures from the transport authority Centro show that from April 1 until September 30 this year 760,738 passenger trips have been undertaken. That compares to 889,644 for the same period the year before.

### Charging

They are contained within a report where a recommendation has also been made to continue charging users next year.

It also states the number of new people registering to use the service has held steady by comparison. Centro spokesman Mark Langford said a survey of a sample of users in September indicated 99 per cent were satisfied overall with the Ring and Ride service and he added: "Given the general decline in the economy and increasing cost of living we would consider there are a number of users generally making less trips."

"Meeting venues and day centre provision are also under pressure which impacts on trips taken."

Richard Worrall from the Walsall Pensioners Convention and a member of the National Pensioners Convention working group on public transport said he was not surprised the numbers had gone down. "Sixty pence does not sound much but how much is it to someone that gets out more than once a week."

## 30 are chasing every new home

Housing chiefs have been inundated by people making inquiries about new council homes being built in the borough.

Council chiefs say more than 30 bids per property have been made. Work is under way at five sites after the council secured £4.3 million in funding from the Homes and Communities Agency. A total of 72 new council homes are due to be complete early next year. Council bosses say they have already started advertising homes at four of the sites.

The properties are the first council homes to be built in Dudley for almost 20 years.

The sites include a 19-property development on a former council garage site in Wood Road, Lower Gornal. This includes two, three and four bedroom family houses and apartments.

Councillor Adrian Turner, said: "Properties at Norwood Road, Blackthorn Road, Tenacre Lane and Wood Road have been advertised so far and on average each property has received 30-40 eligible bids. The council is checking references of successful applicants."

It was revealed over the summer that those wanting to move into the new houses are being subjected to additional checks. That includes potential householders being visited at home and having to provide references. If the measures prove useful they may be extended to other lettings.

Injured victim taking action against jailed man

# KILLER CAR DRIVER SET TO BE SUED

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A getaway driver who killed a motorist and hurt two other people while hurtling through a red light at 50mph while fleeing from a bungled raid on a Black Country store is to be sued for damages despite being an uninsured motorist.



Tauseef Shaukat

Robert Maxfield, who had committed 71 offences over the previous 11 years and was on licence from prison at the time of the horror smash, is now serving at least four and a half years behind bars.

He will only be considered for release when he is no longer regarded as a danger to the public after being jailed indefinitely at Wolverhampton Crown Court earlier this week.

The 33-year-old from Ernest Road, Dudley was at the wheel of a Subaru Impreza that careered across the junction of Churchbridge Road and Park Street, Oldbury into a Fiat Punto, fatally injuring driver Tauseef Shaukat, of Smethwick, who was to marry on his 25th birthday 48 hours later. Two passengers in the victim's car were also hurt, one seriously.

One of those men, 44-year-old Harbhajan Singh from Smethwick has launched a civil action against Maxfield who was not insured because he was disqualified when the crash happened on June 13. Mr Singh suffered a fractured neck and four months later is still wearing a brace and unable to work.

### Collision

He said: "What happened that night is still a blur. It has been very hard to cope with what happened and the aftermath of the collision."

His solicitor Hilary Wetherell added: "Whilst nothing will turn the clock back for Harbhajan who not only suffered the tragic loss of a close friend but was also left with serious injuries, it is important, now that criminal proceedings are concluded, that we pursue civil proceedings."

"In situations such as this, where the defendant driver was not insured, the Motor Insurers Bureau, a fund set up by the motor insurance industry, is able to provide compensation to the innocent victims of road traffic collisions."

"We will now be working with the MIB's solicitors to hopefully agree a settlement."

Maxfield was escaping with two teenagers who minutes earlier had broken into the Co-op shop in Brandhall while he waited outside in the high-powered vehicle, prosecutor Miss Joanne Barker told the court. Judge John Warner jailed Maxfield, banned him from driving for seven years and said: "This was a quite deliberate act with dreadful consequences. You will only be released from prison when you are no longer considered to be a risk to the public."

## Pupils' sporting chance



Youngsters Joshua Stokes, Thomas Betteridge, Emily Smith and Millie Alton-Hull with staff from Sainsbury's at Withymoor Primary School as they receive their Active Kids equipment

Youngsters have been getting sporty at a Brierley Hill primary school thanks to a donation of equipment from a local supermarket.

Staff from Sainsbury's, based on Sandringham Way in Amblecote, visited Withymoor Primary School last week to see how pupils had benefited from the donation. Withymoor collected 18,000 vouchers between February and May,

resulting in indoor and outdoor sporting equipment being earned as part of Sainsbury's Active Kids scheme. Vernon Dix, store manager at Sainsbury's, Amblecote, said: "Withymoor Primary School really took the campaign to their hearts this year and we hope this will benefit the children and help them learn the importance of leading a healthier, more active lifestyle."

## Legal eagle is entering ring for care home

Relatives of elderly residents battling to save their closure-threatened care home in Kingswinford will hold talks with a crusading lawyer.

Solicitor Yvonne Hossack, who has helped others in the UK, is to meet with the families of residents at New Bradley Hall.

Dudley Council plans to shut the home in Compton Drive along with New Bridge House, Coseley, New Swinford Hall, Stourbridge, and Shenstone House, Halesowen, as part of a shake-up of adult social care services in the borough.

Miss Hossack helped elderly residents fighting to stay at the ill-fated Underhill House, Bushbury, Wolverhampton.

She also battled against care home closures in Staffordshire and Nottinghamshire and worked on campaigns to keep homes open in Hull.

New Bradley Hall campaign leader Mac Scott MBE said the initial meeting would take place within two weeks.

"She was quite positive about our case, which has given us hope," he said. "It will be just an initial meeting at this stage to see if there is a way that we could work with Miss Hossack but at least it keeps our campaign moving forward." Resident Harry Griffiths, aged 78, who has been one of the leading members, said: "The council won't beat us."

## Pinched pumpkin used for ransom

A giant pumpkin was kidnapped from a Black Country pub only to be returned hours later with a humorous "ransom" note calling on owners to slash beer prices.



Rob Carey with the ransom note

The vegetable, which weighed more than seven stone, was taken from the Jolly Crispin, Upper Gornal, during a cider festival. It had been placed in the lounge for a charity fundraiser, with drinkers asked to guess its weight. The vegetable had been won by Tracey Carey, who runs the pub with her husband Rob, and the pair later studied the CCTV. It showed the giant pumpkin being carried by a group who left in a taxi. Tracey, aged 42, said: "It has given everyone a good laugh to be honest." She said all the money raised by the competition, including her own £20 prize, had been donated to Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind and Help for Heroes.

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## MP calling for Hippodrome to be cleaned up



The Castle Hill building

Dudley's historic former Hippodrome and Gala Bingo building is becoming a magnet for rubbish and graffiti, an MP has warned. Ian Austin says "enormous weeds" are growing around the building in Castle Hill.

Graffiti on a wall is giving visitors a "terrible impression" of the town. Some of the paintwork on the front of the building is also peeling off, he said. The Dudley North MP Ian

Austin is demanding the building is cleared up because of its position on a main gateway to the town.

Council leader Les Jones responded to Mr Austin's calls and assured him that work would be carried out this week. Dudley Council bought the building, which closed in 2009, to form part of redevelopment plans for Castle Hill and the zoo. But it has remained empty since it was purchased in December.

Mr Austin said: "The Castle Hill area should act as a gateway to the town centre and the Hippodrome should be a feature Dudley can be proud of. It's just yards from two of town's biggest tourist attractions – the zoo and castle, and the Black Country Museum but the paint is peeling, there are enormous weeds and there's graffiti on the walls.

"It gives a terrible impression of the town and I can't understand

why the council hasn't sorted it out. How hard can it be to send a couple of workers down to tidy it up?"

Councillor Jones said: "The old Hippodrome building is a key site in relation to our existing regeneration plans for Castle Hill.

Options in relation to the site are currently being considered, all with the aim of ensuring Castle Hill is a gateway into the town we can all be proud of."

## £80,000 mosque fight bill

The legal cost of halting plans for a new mosque being built in Dudley now stands at more than £80,000, according to latest figures.

They include fees for barristers and the cost of time for council legal staff.

The charges have been mounting for more than three years.

The authority is bidding to buy back land in Hall Street earmarked for the development because councillors argue the land would be better suited to business use.

Dudley Council's Development Control planning committee last month refused to grant permission for the mosque to be built for the second time.

Council Leader Councillor Les Jones defended the expense and said: "It's the right thing to do."

Figures released under the Freedom of Information Act reveal the council spent £45,750 on legal advice from N05 Chambers including the services of Anthony Crean QC, Tim Sheppard and Sharpe Pritchard in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

In addition, the cost based on time taken by internal legal staff is £34,298 but bosses stressed that this represented no additional cost to the authority as the work has been carried out by salaried workers of the authority.

## Caravan is stolen

A distinctive caravan has been stolen in Halesowen.

The white Bailey Ranger 626 van has features of a Red Indian with a dog on one side and a Red Indian and a horse on the other.

Sgt Wendy Tyler said: "This is a distinctive caravan and I am sure someone would remember seeing it. Offenders have forced a bolted gate and three padlocks."

Police said the theft happened between September 20 and 21. Anyone with information should call 0345 113 5000.

## Amputee Robert in fight over new legs

A man who lost his limbs through meningitis says he feels "let down" by the NHS after being refused funding for a new pair of prosthetic legs.

Robert Parsons, aged 29, has recently managed to start walking for the first time since his illness but says his current legs are unstable.

He has fallen over and injured himself several times and applied for new legs with special knee joints to help him walk around. But his request has been turned down by NHS Dudley, as he is not seen as an "exceptional case".

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Robert Parsons with the letter

Mr Parsons was 19, and previously healthy, when he had the amputations after contracting blood poisoning through a complication of meningitis.

He says he will pay a proportion of the costs for the £50,000 pair of legs using cash from a charity fund set up by his former boss, local philanthropist Geoff Hill.

Mr Parsons, of Shentone Avenue, Norton, Stourbridge, was a delivery driver for Mr Hill's electrical firm when he was struck down by the illness in 2000.

Thousands of pounds were raised in weeks from donations by the public – and that has been used to kit out Mr Parsons' home and buy him a specially adapted car.

## Milestone

In the last 11 years he has battled to improve his mobility and reached a milestone in January by managing to walk around for long periods.

But he has struggled to walk up kerbs and on uneven surfaces, which has left him "embarrassed" when he has fallen over.

He said: "I'm lucky that I have this money to fall back on. If it wasn't for Geoff's fund I would be stuck in my wheelchair. I just feel let down by the NHS."

Mr Parsons is now launching an appeal against the decision.

Hilary Walker, director of quality at NHS Dudley said: "It would be inappropriate for me to comment on this individual case in detail however, I am confident the process is fair and robust, ensuring that cases are considered in a consistent way and that decisions are made on clinical and cost effectiveness."

## Vehicles seized in police crackdown

Four vehicles have been seized as part of a police clamp down on rogue traders in Worcestershire. It was part of National Rogue Traders Week and has seen West Mercia Police and Worcestershire Trading Standards working together to give advice on how to avoid falling victim to a rogue trader.

Cars and lorries were stopped on the A449 outside Sixways Stadium, Worcester to target criminals. Officers checked 46 vehicles in one day and dealt with 16 offences – including taking four vehicles off the road for no insurance.

## History is sculpted in



The sculptures, which honour the history of nailmaking are on display by the Travelodge Hotel, Halesowen

A Black Country artist has created steel artwork for a new £2.6 million hotel to celebrate the area's nailmaking heritage – the main industry in the area in the 19th century.

Luke Perry's four pieces will take pride of place outside the five-storey Travelodge in Halesowen on the A458 – a main route between Stourbridge and Birmingham – where they will be seen by thousands of commuters.

The panels have been put up above four archway entrances to the development, which also includes a KFC drive-thru and is due to open next month.

Mr Perry, of Cradley Heath, was commissioned by bosses

who wanted the modern building to have historical links.

The pieces, made of shapes of 16mm steel, depict scenes including a nailmaker at work and a set of tools.

They feature quotes from American 19th century writer Ellihu Burritt's book Walks in the Black Country and its Green Borderland, a document of his tour around the region's industrial hubs.

Mr Perry, aged 27, said: "Some of the language is really poetic and contrasts well with the images.

"Not many people have heard of him but he was the first person to use the term "Black Country" in print."

## Concern over potholes at car park site

Pedestrians and drivers are being put at risk by a pothole cratered car park in the Black Country in desperate need of repair, it has been claimed.

A campaign has now been launched for work to be carried out at the site, in Woods Lane, Quarry Bank, before winter sets in. But neither a campaigner nor Dudley Council has been able to trace the owner.

It is the owner of the car park who would be responsible for carrying out the work. A wall around the site has also fallen down due to decay.

Resident Lorraine Greenaway, who lives in Brierley Hill, has been looking to trace the owner since she fell over a slab adjacent to the car park back in 2009.

She broke her kneecap in the fall which she says could have been prevented if a wall had been in place.

Lye and Wollescote councillor Peter Lowe has joined her fight to get the car park repaired as it now poses a risk to users – which he fears will only increase in the bad weather.

He said Dudley Council was now looking to trace the owner through its land ownership records but there had been no result so far.

Mrs Greenaway, 59, said: "This car park is in a terrible mess. It is strewn with potholes and most of the wall around it has fallen down. There are shops nearby so the car park is used despite being desperately in need of repair.

"I know a lot of children also pass through it on their bikes."

Councillor Lowe said: "This is a situation we will be monitoring."

## Cricket club bonfire destroyed by yobs

Arsonists set alight a pile of wood and pallets that had been collected for an upcoming bonfire at a Black Country cricket club.

The 12ft high mound was destroyed by the time firefighters doused the flames at Halesowen Cricket Club.

Yobs had climbed over a fence into the Grange Road grounds and a neighbour raised the alarm when he saw the blaze at about 3am.

Organisers had spent two weeks gathering the wood from local firms.

Club vice-chairman Chris Bissell said he hoped the event, which is the club's biggest fundraiser of the year, would still go ahead on November 5.

"This has never happened during my 15 years at the club," he said.

## Museum staging bonfire celebration

The Black Country Living Museum, Tipton Road, Dudley, will be holding a two-night celebration for the annual festivities.

But in a move away from more modern celebrations, organisers say there will be no fireworks at the event on November 4 and 5.

A fanfare of organs and a brass band will play a medley of popular sing-a-long tunes during the night.

There will also be a roaring bonfire, hot roast chestnuts, firejuggling, Funnel and Judy and a drama performance from a theatre company Fizzog.

Tickets for Bonfire Night cost £13.60 for adults, £11 for seniors and £7.10 for children.

Availability is limited and tickets must be pre-booked on 0121 520 8054 or via the website www.bclm.com.

## Halloween charity bash

A Halloween dance is being held on Saturday by the Halesowen branch of the Mary Stevens Hospice fundraising group. It will feature ballroom and sequence dancing to the music of Stephen Gill. The venue for the event is Lutter Community Centre, Brookwillow Road. It starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £5 which includes a light supper.

All proceeds go to the Stourbridge hospice.

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## Firm gets £12m contract

A Kingswinford engineering company is celebrating one of its biggest-ever deals after securing a £12 million contract to revamp a factory in Taiwan.

Bosses at foundry and casting equipment design company Mechatherm are now aiming to break the £20m turnover barrier within two years, which could bring about another 15 jobs to boost its 55-strong workforce.

The latest contract win is also good news for a string of fabrication and component companies around the Black Country and West Midlands.

They are likely to pick up spin-off work for the Taiwanese deal from Mechatherm, which designs and project manages foundry projects and sub-contracts the manufacturing work to other companies. Mechatherm

managing director Chris Ems said the new project, for the China Steel Aluminium Company in Kaohsiung, would run for more than two years. The deal follows more than a year's negotiations. "In the final analysis, Mechatherm were the only company in the world who could offer all the technology required by CSAC in house," said Mr Ems.

## Halloween specials

Kidderminster's Severn Valley Railway is launching night-time ghost trains for Halloween.

The trains will run on October 28 and 29. Families are being encouraged to come in fancy dress for a parade and competition on the platform before trains pull out on all three evenings. Visitors will also get the chance to meet nine owls being brought along by Chelmarsh Owl Rescue. Entertainment

will also be provided by a magician. The trains leave at 7pm. Adults and children can travel on the trains for a flat fare of £5.95. Tickets can be pre-booked on 01299 403816. Halloween trains will also be leaving stations along the railway during the day until October 30. They will run at 75-minute intervals from Kidderminster station at 10.25am and from Bridgnorth at 10.55am.

## £4.5m grant looking good for near future

A £4.5million grant to help kick start the regeneration of Dudley town centre could get the go ahead "in the very near future".

If granted it is hoped the money will help pave the way for schemes including a new link road between Dudley Zoo and the Black Country Living Museum.

Dudley Council has applied for the cash from the European Regional Development Fund as part of a wider programme to regenerate Castle Hill worth £15 million which is being drawn up with the help of the zoo, the museum, the canal trust and the authority's arms length regeneration company New Heritage Regeneration Ltd.

It is hoped the development will boost visitor numbers at the zoo and museum from 600,000 to one million a year, create the new link road and prepare land in the area – such as the former Gala Bingo building next to the zoo – for future leisure/tourism developments.

The new £6million archive base, which is to be built on the former Royal Brierley factory site next to the museum, is also part of the scheme.

A report on the proposals is set to go before Dudley Council.

Councillor Les Jones, leader of the council, said: "We are in advance negotiations around a funding package for Castle Hill which includes a new access from Tipton Road."

## MP in reverse call over travel scheme

Dudley North MP Ian Austin has secured a debate in Parliament in a bid to get the Government to reverse its plans to scrap a half-price coach travel scheme.

Mr Austin is calling upon the Government to rethink proposals to scrap the Coach Concessionary Travel Scheme. Under the scheme pensioners and disabled travellers are given a 50 per cent discount on coach travel within England and Wales. The Government has announced the scheme will end on October 31.

Figures revealed in September showed 77,000 pensioners and disabled people in Dudley and over one million across the West Midlands will pay face significantly higher fares if the decision goes ahead.

Mr Austin said: "The Government should drop its plans to scrap the subsidy. Before the election David Cameron pledged to protect subsidised travel for the over 60s."

"He's done U-turns before and I'm urging him to change his mind about cuts to this travel scheme."

## Slice of spice will be nice for hospice

A takeover is celebrating its first anniversary by donating a slice of sales to a Midland hospice. Spice Tandoori in Edson Street, Sedgley, is holding a month-long promotion to mark a year since it opened.

And five per cent of sales will go to Compton Hospice in Wolverhampton.

The business is run by co-owner and chef Abdul Ahad, aged 39, with the help of his wife Shalma, 31, and their three children.

Mrs Ahad said: "We wanted to help the hospice as they have a shop just down the road from our premises and a lot of other business owners work with them."

"We had the chance to choose a charity that we wanted to support and they just stood out from the crowd."

Spice Tandoori will also be offering discounts and offers during the promotion until November 17.

## Talks on helping the blind

A charity for blind people in the Black Country is offering free talks at community centres across the region. Staff from Beacon Centre for the Blind will give information on the services available at their base in Sedgley. Beacon Centre marketing manager Clare Thomas said: "We know there are many more people in the Black Country who would be able to use our services but may not know what we do and how we can help them." To book a talk call 01902 880111.

## Festive car park scheme

A multi-storey car park in Stourbridge will be kept open to boost trade over Christmas before being demolished to make way for a new superstore.

The 458-space Bell Street car park will be knocked down in January as part of the redevelopment of the town's Crown Shopping Centre.

Dudley Council was originally considering demolishing it before the end of the year.

But transport chief Councillor Patrick Harley said he wanted to make sure shoppers had plenty of places to park during the festive period.

He said: "We don't want to impact on trade at Christmas. It is the one time when businesses can more or less guarantee that they will do well regardless of the economic situation and we don't want to harm that."

The seven-storey car park, popular with shoppers and visitors to the Crystal Leisure Centre, was originally earmarked for demolition several years ago after a study found £4 million would be needed to restore it.

The Crown Centre scheme will include a new Tesco supermarket.

## An award for college

Halesowen College has received an award recognising its work providing students with careers advice.

The college's Careers and Higher Education Centre has been awarded a BCQA-Black Country Quality Award – Gold Award for its work.

The accolade looks at standards in careers education, information, advice and guidance with support from Connexions.

Inspectors visited the college to monitor the career education, individual guidance and support available, as well as the centre's work with parents and carers, equality and diversity and young people.

# Heated meeting on gipsy site proposals

Around 150 residents turned out to have their say in a heated meeting over controversial plans for new gipsy and traveller sites in Wyre Forest.

The gathering was organised after the district council said it needed to identify 43 more pitches for gipsies and travellers by 2022, as well as a site for travelling show people.

Seven potential sites in the district are being considered in a consultation process which was launched earlier this month to give people the chance to have their say on the proposals.

The first in a series of public meetings into the proposals was held last Thursday night for people to have their say on the site being considered in Stourport Road, Bewdley which could house up to 15 pitches.

### Flared

Temper flared on several occasions with one person walking out after saying a question they had put to councillors and council officials at the meeting had not been answered.

Wyre Forest council chairman Stephen Cleo also apologised after making a "flippant" remark when he asked people to stop shouting.

Among the issues raised by those concerned about the plans were that the site is in green belt and has been deemed a flood risk.

Worries were also voiced about whether it would put people off visiting a nearby beauty spot and that the development could affect house prices in the area. Among those who spoke was resident Richard Styles who

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asked whether it could pave the way for more green belt development in the area if this scheme is approved.

Despite most people being against the plans Shirley Nunn spoke in favour of development saying it would give travellers "somewhere to settle rather than keep moving place to place."

The consultation is due to run until November 18 and a decision over the sites will be made next year.

Meanwhile a campaign has been launched against council plans for new gipsy and traveller sites in Stourport.

### Worried

Members of the Independent Community and Health Concern (IHC) group are worried the majority of sites proposed are in the town.

They want Wyre Forest District Council to look again at the scheme and spread out the sites across a wider area of the district.

Seven potential sites in the district are being considered as part of a consultation process.

But the IHC said four sites were being considered in Stourport compared to just two in Kidderminster and one in Bewdley. Sites in the town are land adjacent to Nunn's Corner, Saiwen, the Gables Yard and farmland on St John's Road.

The other locations are Stourport Road, Bewdley, the former Sion Hill School, Kidderminster and the former Lea Castle Hospital site, Cookley.

A public meeting on the Stourport sites will be at the town's civic hall on November 2.

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## Robberies may be linked

Elderly women have been targeted in two separate robberies in the Black Country which detectives think may be linked.

In both cases the victims, aged 72 and 76, were approached by a man before being robbed. An investigation has now been launched.

The first happened at 5pm on October 1 in Enfield Road, Rowley Regis, where a 72-year-old woman was targeted.

The victim, who was using a mobility scooter at the time of the attack, was approached by a man who told her there was a missing child in the area.

When she responded, the man then leaned forward and snatched the gold

chains from around her neck. After a brief struggle he ran off in the direction of Bell End. The second attack happened a few days later in nearby Lawrence Lane, Cradley Heath.

A 76-year-old woman had just visited a fish and chip shop, at around 12.30pm on October 5, when a man walked up to her and asked her for the time.

As the victim moved to check her watch the man then grabbed the woman's gold chains from around her neck. Police today urged anyone with information to contact Sandwell CID on 0345 113 5000 or speak to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Harvest of scarecrows



Sisters Lauren and Bethan Griffiths and brothers Jack and Sam Ainge with the scarecrows they made at Temple Meadows Primary

Youngsters from a Cradley Heath School were joined by their families to create 80 scarecrows in their first ever harvest competition.

Temple Meadow Primary School, Wrights Lane, set up the competition as part of the school's harvest assembly celebrations. Year five pupil Mia Williams won a hamper of goodies for her scarecrow which she decorated with the help of her family. The event also saw children from the school bring food donations to the Salvation Army. Headteacher Cathy Walsh said: "As part of our harvest celebrations the children worked very hard to make the scarecrows which stood around the school grounds guarding the planting from the eco-day on October 13."

## Honours for family firm

A family-run Black Country coach firm has been named as one of the best in the industry in an awards ceremony at the National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham. Prospect Coaches in Live High Street, saw a double success at the routeONE Operator Excellence Awards, winning Large Coach Operator of the Year category. Chief engineer

Martin Hadley also became the youngest person ever to be named as Coach Engineer of Year. Mr Hadley, aged 35, the son of joint managing director Roslyn Hadley, trained at Dudley College before working at Halesowen coach firm Ludlow's and former fire engine manufacturer John Dennis Coachbuilders.

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## Fears on new road crossing

Residents have raised fresh fears about a new £400 pedestrian crossing in Old Hill – the first in the Midlands.

The scheme features traffic lights that stay on red unless the oncoming car is going at or below the 30mph speed limit. But residents have branded the innovative crossing in Garratts Lane a dangerous waste of money.

They say the changes could in fact cause a crash.

Lee Bromley, 38, who lives in nearby Harvest Road, said: "We want the lights back to their original setting. I watched the crossing for half an hour the other day and watched car after car go through the red light."

Council worker Glen Gregory, whose house in Cross Close backs on to Garratts Lane, said the road was plagued by speeding drivers and admitted something needed to be done.

But he said the new traffic crossing was not the answer. "It's a barmy road and it's only a matter of time before someone gets killed, but this will do no good at all," said the 42-year-old.

### Drivers

"At night when it's dark, drivers don't care if the lights are on red, they just go straight through them. Someone could get taken out because they think it's safe to cross when it's not."

Train driver and father-of-one Adam Worley of Cross Close resident agreed, saying: "It's a waste of money. What will happen is the kids will get wise to the system."

"They will slow down and then just speed up," the 40-year-old said.

Sandwell Council spent £400 to adjust the crossing, which is close to Willets Way. It functions as a normal crossing during the day and adopts the traffic calming setting in the evening.

The decision to alter it was made after residents complained about speeding.

Councillor Derek Rowley said: "We needed to find a way to help local residents whose lives were being made a misery by speeding motorists, but there wasn't an obvious solution."

He said the impact would be monitored at the end of the year.

## Knife robbers target girl, 16

A teenage girl was threatened with a knife and forced to hand over her mobile phone in a robbery near Stourbridge bus station.

The 16-year-old victim was attacked in Parkfield Road.

She was approached by two men, who demanded she hand over her LG phone, before producing a six-inch knife. After she gave them the phone, the men ran away in the direction of Redhill. The robbery happened at about 6.40pm on October 15.

Sergeant Matt Morgan of Dudley CID said: "This is a particularly nasty robbery which must have been very distressing for the victim."

Both men were white, and in their late teens with the first one being 6ft 3ins.

The second was wearing a black cap and casual clothing.

## Oak tree memorial for navy veteran Mick



Phyllis Coyle, centre, with family and friends

A tree at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire has been dedicated to the memory of a Royal Navy veteran from Dudley.

The oak is in memory of 85-year-old Mick Coyle who died last year from lung cancer. Mr Coyle, from Pensnett, served in the Royal Navy between 1942 and 1947 and was involved in the Russian Convoys delivering supplies to Russia.

His widow Phyllis decided to dedicate a tree to his memory. A plaque next to the tree states: "Always gentle, thoughtful and kind, a wonderful memory you leave behind."

She was joined by family and friends

of Mr Coyle – including Russian Convoy veterans – at the site. The 83-year-old said: "It is wonderful to have this in his memory. He loved the arboretum, and we regularly went there to visit."

She said she would also be seeking to see whether a memorial headstone could be erected at the site in memory of those involved in the Russian Convoys and would like anyone who backs her campaign to get in touch with her. Great-grandfather Mr Coyle was also heavily involved in charity work, running an annual fundraising show.

Anyone who would like to contact Mrs Coyle can do so on 01384 572405.



Mick Coyle from Dudley

## Historic foundry on heritage 'at risk' list

Smethwick's historic Soho Foundry, considered to be one of the most important Industrial Revolution sites in the world, has featured in a list of under-threat buildings.

However, it has been named by English Heritage on its annual at risk register. The site in Foundry Lane, was built by Matthew Boulton and James Watt in 1794 for the construction of their revolutionary steam engine. Fears have been raised about the main building, on the Soho Foundry site.



Soho Foundry – on the at risk register  
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The concern came after council bosses admitted they are struggling to find a use for the empty building. It needs repairs which could cost millions.

Other buildings to feature on the register include Chatterley Whitfield Colliery, Stoke on Trent, the first pit to produce a million tons of coal in a year; Stanley Dock, Liverpool, the Bowes Railway, Tyne and Wear; and Battersea Power Station, London.

English Heritage is bringing out a new set of guidance and £2 million in grants to help owners protect vacant historic buildings until uses can be found for them.

### Rescue

There will also be help for heritage rescue groups which could be the answer for the 60 per cent of buildings which cannot be reused, typically because they have historic machinery or the remains of mining operations. The group will part-fund a support officer to help trusts and groups who run sites as visitor attractions.

It will also carry out at least 25 projects over the next few years to look at particular parts of industrial heritage. But it was unclear if the Soho Foundry would benefit.

Laura Wilks, of Avery Weigh-Tronix which owns the foundry, said: "Avery Weigh-Tronix has been based on the Soho Foundry site for more than 100 years."

"As a company that is proud of our heritage, we recognise the importance of Soho Foundry."

## Stores in charity match clash



Daniel Perry and Martin Taylor before the charity match between Asda staff in Dudley and Halesowen

Staff from two Black Country supermarkets have netted some cash for local charities thanks to a football match.

Workers from Asda Merry Hill took on their counterparts at Asda in Halesowen in a charity football match at The Dell Stadium in Brierley Hill. Merry Hill won 6-1. It is hoped the event has raised about £300 each for

the Russells Hall Hospital Special Care Baby unit and the Ticked Pink cancer charity run by Asda. Members of the Pedmore Panthers cheerleaders squad performed for free while staff from the Dell Stadium offered their time for free to help with the event. Organiser Lee Batham said: "It went very well. There was almost 230 people through the gates."

## Region 'will live longer'

Life expectancy in the West Midlands is on the rise, according to latest figures.

A boy born in the region now can expect to live to 77.9 years, up from 76.6 years.

For girls the average life will be 82.2 years, a rise from 81.1 years.

Nationally, life expectancy at birth has gone up – from 77 years to 78.2 for men and from 81.3 years to 82.3 years for women.

The North/South divide has widened further, with children from the south statistically having a longer life ahead of them than those in Scotland and the North.

The Scottish have the lowest life expectancy, reaching the average age of 75.8 years for men and 80.4 years for women.

The Office of National Statistics said figures show "inequalities persist".

The variations have been attributed to a string of social factors which include differing lifestyles; alcohol consumption, smoking and social class.

Ros Altmann, director of the Saga Group which caters for the over 50s said: "It is of great concern to see a growing gap in life expectancy between north and south Britain, especially at the moment, when policy makers seem to be assuming that longer life expectancy is a reality for all."

## School gets new principal

A new principal has been appointed at a Cradley Heath school as it moves towards academy status.

Heathfield Foundation Technology College was given a notice to improve by Ofsted inspectors in January.

By July Ofsted found good progress under acting principal Phillip Weale, and council chiefs praised the school's exam results.

The school is due to become an academy, sponsored by the Ormiston Trust, a national charity aiming to improve prospects for young people, next year.

Now Andrew Burns, currently associate principal of Hodge Hill Sports and Enterprise College in Birmingham, has been appointed to take on the leadership of the school in Wrights Lane, Sandwell, in January.

Mr Burns has been at Hodge Hill since 2007, following senior roles at Wodensborough Community Technology College in Wednesbury, Lordswood Girls' School near Bearwood, and Hartshill School in Warwickshire. Speaking about his new appointment Mr Burns said: "I am delighted."

## Museum boost

A drive to raise cash to help get plans for a £5 million glass museum in the Black Country off the ground has been boosted by a £1,000 donation. The Friends of Broadfield House Glass Museum handed over the cash to go towards plans for a museum at the former Stuart Crystal Glass Works in Wordsley.

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## Fears on plans for pub room

Fears have been raised that the proposed extension of a function room at a Stourbridge pub could lead to residents being disturbed by "blaring music".

The Broadway Inn, Norton, was recently sold, and speculation has mounted among neighbours about what it might be used for. The previous licensee, Jane and Keith Johnson, who took over the pub in June 2010, closed it in February saying they had struggled to make ends meet.

The pub, on the corner of The Broadway and Windsor Road, was put on the market for £345,000 and Paul Reilly, of Christie & Co estate agents, confirmed the sale had now been completed, although he declined to reveal who had purchased the building.

An application has now been made to Dudley Council by SEP Properties Ltd, of Stone Street, Dudley to extend the function room but not to change the use of the pub.

### Complaining

A letter of objection, from a couple in Windsor Road, has been sent to planners, complaining locals have put up with years of noise, litter and nuisance. It states: "There are a lot of elderly residents in The Broadway, Whittington Road, Heath Farm Road and Windsor Road who should be able to have some peace at night, not the blaring music, banging car doors, shouting and swearing and people sitting talking and smoking until the early hours of the morning."

Dudley environmental protection officers have reported concerns that noise from the larger function room may adversely affect neighbouring residents. They are recommending that if the application is approved, the building should be constructed in a way to prevent excessive noise.

One local resident, who did not wish to be named, said: "I've seen pub tables outside but when I asked some men in vans who were there whether they were being taken in or coming out they wouldn't tell me."

"It's all very hush hush, although from the plans put into the council, it doesn't look like it's going to change from being a pub," the resident added.

No-one at SEP Properties was available for comment.

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## Charities share cash

Three charities are celebrating after receiving a share of more than £14,000 from a former mayor of Dudley. Councillor Peter Miller, who held the position in 2010/11, handed over his fundraising total at a ceremony. The Thomas Pocklington Trust, which helps provide housing and support for people with sight loss, Acorns Children's Hospice and the Alzheimer's Society all received a

share of the cash after being chosen by Councillor Miller as his chosen charities last year.

Representatives were invited to a reception in the mayor's parlour at Dudley Council House, with Councillor Miller, and the current mayor, Councillor Michael Evans.

Councillor Miller said: "I'm delighted to be able to hand over this money."

# Man jailed for metal theft raid on school



Wayne Hales

A former scrap dealer with a drinking problem has been jailed for breaking into a school to steal metal to fund his boozing.

Wayne Hales, aged 29, was one of a group of men who targeted St Michael's School, Rowley Regis in an early morning raid. The raid caused £10,000 damage to the school - with electrical cables left hanging from the ceiling. There were also gaps where piping had been torn out and insulation was left strewn across the floor.

Hales, formerly of Warner Road, Wednesbury, was last week jailed for 16 weeks while two others, Duncan Priest and Jason Ford, both from Dudley, received community sentences.

Sandwell Magistrates Court heard a police helicopter was deployed to the school between 1.45am and 1.50am on August 3 after residents called 999 to say they could see torch lights and hear the sound of metal being cut at the Curral Road school.

### Cameras

Using heat-seeking cameras, police found the three defendants hiding behind a bush. Hales, was found with a small bag of cannabis while Priest was found with a torch and keys to a Citroen van parked nearby. Police also recovered two bags containing tools and torches.

The court heard Hales, who had pleaded guilty to burglary with intent to steal and possession of a class B drug at an earlier hearing, had a number of previous convictions - the last being for dishonesty in 2008.

Mr Ranjit Sandhu, defending, said: "In the past he has had issues with drink and this was to finance his habit."

Ford, 39, of Gill Street in Netherton, and Priest, 41, of Darby End Road, both admitted burglary with intent to steal. Chairman of the bench Ian Collett told Hales: "Because of your extensive record of dishonesty, only custody is appropriate."

Both Ford and Priest received 12 month community orders and were each ordered to pay £85 costs. Priest was ordered to do 120 hours unpaid work.

## Boat firm cutting jobs

Up to 37 jobs will be axed at Kidderminster luxury boat builder Sealine as bosses look to "streamline" the business. The firm, which recently changed hands in a multi-million pound deal, is reducing the workforce. It is cutting up to nine per cent of its 415-strong workforce at its headquarters off Worcester Road in Kidderminster. Chief executive James Bursey said: "Following a

detailed review of the current operating structure we are proposing to streamline the business and as a result we are looking at reducing the number of management, clerical and support staff working at the company's headquarters in Kidderminster. A consultation process will take place and Mr Bursey said the firm would seek to minimise the number of compulsory redundancies.

## Hope of jobs with scheme

Plans to create up to 1,300 new jobs, 200 homes and a brand new supermarket as part of a £120 million scheme in Cosely will be lodged next month.

Under the proposals, a 66-acre site stretching between the Birmingham New Road and Sedgley Road West will be redeveloped with new business units to house new and existing companies.

A community hall and full-size football pitch would also be created along with a food store, retail warehouse and a specialist shop.

Public meetings giving residents and businesses the chance to comment on the proposals were held last month.

Simon Lawrence, spokesman for the site's owner, Skelton Group Investments, said the response to the Cosely Eco Park scheme had been positive and plans were expected to be submitted to Dudley Council next month.

"We had a very successful three days of exhibition events with around 120 visitors coming to view the plans and speak to the project team," he said. "The overwhelming majority of those who attended were positive about the plans and the general mood was one of welcoming the new jobs and investment in the area."

"The fact that Cosely has seen very little of this type of investment over the years meant that the local community were excited to see something happening."

## Meeting dates for residents

Tenants and residents association meetings are being held across Dudley next month.

The groups discuss issues relating to their estates including ideas on how they can improve residents' lives. The following meetings are scheduled throughout November and are open to residents within the area but there are others being held also.

Brierley Hill: Pensnett Forum meeting, November 1, Pensnett Community Centre at 7pm, Hawbush TRA, annual general meeting/closure down meeting, November 9, St Pauls at 7pm.

For details on how to obtain a full list of all the available meetings telephone 01384 815168 to ensure the meeting is still taking place, as they may be subject to change.

## Deadline looms on school places

Parents of children in Dudley who are due to start secondary school next September have until October 31 to apply for a place.

Those with children due to start at primary school in 2012 must have their applications in by January 16.

Borough bosses say parents should not assume their child will get a place at a new school without them having to apply, even if they have an older child already attending the same school.

## School's past and future meet



Deputy head boy Max Filkins with Val Robertson, Chris Spencer and head girl Jenny Bullas celebrate with present and former pupils from the school

A Black Country school unveiled plans to become an academy at a reunion event for former staff and pupils held to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The surprise announcement about the future of High Arcal School, High Arcal Drive, Sedgley, was made at an anniversary lunch which saw the former staff and pupils return to the classroom. If all goes to plan the school could secure academy status by December 1. Headteacher Jo Manson said the change of status would not affect the school's ethos.

She said: "Nothing is going to change in terms of our values but it gives us more freedom for spending budgets which will be of benefit to the students."

One of the former staff members who was at the lunch welcomed the announcement as brilliant news.

Photo exhibitions were set up for the recent lunch which showcased events since the school's opening in September 1961.

More than 200 people turned up for the occasion including several retired staff from the science department.

Pat Stevenson was a laboratory technician between 1973 and 2002.

She said: "I have some wonderful memories of the school and it is great to come back."

Former colleague Marilyn Bagley, who was also a lab technician, between 1983 and 2005, added: "The announcement about academy status is brilliant news for the school."

Val Robertson, nee Rudge and Chris Spencer, nee Fletcher, joined the school in the year it opened. Val, who now lives in Ledbury, said: "I had a successful career and I owe a lot to the school."

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# MP raises concerns on gipsy site plans

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A Midland MP has voiced concerns over council plans for new gipsy and traveller sites. Wyre Forest District Council says it needs to identify 43 more pitches for gipsies and travellers by 2022, as well as a site for travelling show people.

Seven potential sites in the district are being considered in a consultation process which was launched recently to give people the chance to have their say on the proposed developments. Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier says he is "deeply concerned".

He fears Wyre Forest communities could be faced with even more sites for travellers and says they already have "their fair share".

He added: "While I understand the importance of providing accommodation for all types of residents, I am sympathetic with communities who feel they are being dumped on by the council."

## Strategy

"Not only am I questioning the number of sites that are being sought, I am also concerned that the council is using an outdated strategy to establish how many sites Wyre Forest needs."

"I will be making my feelings known in the consultation and I urge Wyre Forest residents to do the same."

The sites included are Stourport Road Bewdley; former Sion Hill School, Kidderminster; Lea Castle Hospital, Cookley; land adjacent to Nunn's Corner, Saiwen; The Gables Yard and farmland on St John's Road, all Stourport-on-Severn.

Council bosses have revealed details of public consultation meetings.

The meetings include Wolverley Memorial Hall for the former Sion Hill School site, October 31; Stourport Civic Hall for the sites at St John's Farm, The Gables Yard, Saiwen and land adjacent to Nunn's Corner, on November 2. A decision is expected next year.

## Youngsters build up skills



Ollie Shea-Quinn, left, aged three, and two-year-old Anya Detheridge learn the trade from apprentice Jake Williams, 18, of Lovell Partnership Ltd

Youngsters at a Dudley nursery were given some tips from apprentices at a Brierley Hill housebuilding firm. Forty five children, aged two to four, watched intently as apprentices from Lovell Partnership Ltd, Jake Williams, 18, and 20-year-old Sam Gaden, showed them how to make

wooden toolboxes. Debbie Ions, child care manager at the Priory Children's Centre nursery in Limes Road, said: "They loved it. They were totally amazed." The children now have seven toolboxes, in which they store toy bricks and other items they are using in classroom topics.

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# Homes row solved by tunnel

A housing estate will be built in the grounds of a stately home after a row over wildlife at the site was resolved.

A special tunnel will be dug to accommodate wildlife at Wordsley Manor when the houses are constructed.

The proposals were given the go-ahead by Dudley planning chiefs despite objections from more than 100 residents.

And some councillors at a recent meeting said the manor house would be "desecrated" by the development.

The scheme has faced stiff opposition from conservation body Natural England which said rare slow worms and bat roostings could be at risk.

The council's development control committee deferred making a decision nine months ago to give developers Selbourne Homes the chance to work out ways to preserve wildlife.

A "corridor" will be dug out through the grounds in Meadowfields Close, covered in metal grids for animals to nest in, while holes will be cut into walls for creatures to crawl through.

The plans were passed by five votes to four at the meeting, with councillors suggesting the 14 new homes would not fit in with the 18th century house.

Developers will pay £400,000 towards Wordsley Manor's restoration under conditions of planning per-

mission. Owner Christopher Firmstone, aged 73, has previously said the cash is vital to keep the site in his family's hands after 160 years.

But Councillor Geoffrey Southall said: "I understand his desperation but this seems to be a case of selling the family silver. It will leave this historic home with a housing estate outside its back door. We should be preserving the manor house for future generations not desecrating it."

Twelve letters of objection and a petition of 106 signatures were handed into the council. Residents' concerns included lack of parking in nearby streets.

## Vicar gets involved in campaign

A Stourport vicar has teamed up with the Church of England's mental health group to campaign to increase awareness among congregations across the country.

Rev Eva McIntyre, of St Michael and All Angels Church, is now working with the Time to Change campaign to help people understand more about the affects of mental health problems.

The scheme will be providing ideas and information packs to help churches plan services on the theme of mental health.

"Statistics tell us that one in four people in the UK will suffer from a form of mental illness during their lives and that statistic is based just on the people who go to the GP for help, so the real figure is probably even higher," she said.

"Churches are seen as places where support and acceptance can be found, so we really need to educate ourselves about these issues," she added.

## Mayor is blindsided for cause

The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans, faced a daunting walk through the streets - blindfold.

He was helping Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind and Dudley Lions Club to raise awareness for World Sight Day.

Councillor Evans, aged 70, donned some special adapted spectacles that completely blocked out light to get an insight into what it is like for someone who is blind.

He walked from the Mayor's Parlour at Dudley Council House about 300 yards to the Beacon Centre's Retro-Spective shop in New Street to buy a 99p Christmas card.

"You can get very worried when you walk along and come across a kerb and fight your way through parked cars," said Councillor Evans.

"Your whole world collapses around you. It must be terrible, when you are used to sight, to suddenly lose it."

Councillor Evans was led along on his precarious mission by the Beacon Centre's community fundraising staff accompanied by members of the Lions.



Mayor of Dudley Councillor Michael Evans and John Walters with Karen Gullick, Jenny Walters, John Bowen Anita Bowen, Sue Harris and Ray McGuirk

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## More midwives are taken on

Five extra midwives have been recruited by health chiefs at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital as birth rates continue to soar.

New figures show there have been 2,566 births at the hospital between April and September this year.

Just over 4,900 were recorded in the financial year 2010/11 up from 3,777 in 2002/2003.

The closure of Sandwell Hospital's maternity unit, ahead of the opening of a new midwife-led birthing centre in Smethwick, is one of the reasons for the increase in babies born at Russells Hall. Plans have also been in the pipeline to cap the number of births at the hospital to "maintain safe operating levels" but bosses say they are

now considering options to increase capacity at the site instead.

Figures released by The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust show 414 births were recorded in April, 421 in May, 444 in June, 438 in July, 421 in August and 428 in September.

### Increase

Chief executive of The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Paula Clark said: "Our maternity unit continues to be a popular choice for mums-to-be and, with the closure of Sandwell Maternity Unit and birth rates continuing to increase, we are still seeing an increased number of women choosing

to have their babies at Russells Hall Hospital. "We have invested in the employment of more midwives and recently recruited a further five who are due to start soon."

"We are looking into the feasibility of increasing capacity within the maternity department to meet the increase in demand."

The hospital currently has in the region of 175 midwives.

Figures released earlier this year showed 28 per cent of all women applying to have their baby in Dudley are now from Sandwell.

In the last three months of 2010/11 there was an increase of 69.7 per cent in bookings from Sandwell women on the same period in 2009/10.

## Centre parking fees 'would be a disaster'

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Parking charges at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre would spell disaster for the region's economy, driving shoppers elsewhere, campaigners have warned.

The free parking at the Brierley Hill centre could be withdrawn in as little as two years under council-imposed restrictions which mean the centre cannot expand unless charges are introduced.

Critics say shoppers often travel from further afield attracted by the unlimited free parking – but this custom could be lost if the incentive is removed.

Dudley South MP Chris Kelly has spoken out about the proposals, and said he will be meeting with senior managers at the Westfield-owned mall and bosses at the company headquarters in London in the hope of finding a way around the restrictions.

"I am opposed, on principle, to the introduction of parking charges at the Merry Hill and will be taking the matter up with Westfield's management," he said.

"This has included site visits and also a meeting at their UK head office in London."

### Discourage

Brierley Hill ward councillor Rachel Harris has also voiced concerns, calling on the council to rethink the demands.

"I don't think anything which might discourage shoppers from coming along to spend, in this economy, is a very good idea," she said.

"The economy has changed since the time the decision was made, and I don't think anyone anticipated we would be facing the kind of global and local recession that we are in now." She said one of her primary fears for local people concerned potential issues with people clogging surrounding streets to park for free.

"It's bad enough as it is at the moment, especially around Christmas when the car parks get full and people spill over," she said.

"There are some people who will not pay to park – and if it's this bad when the centre offers free parking, I dread to think how it will be if charges are introduced."

Centre bosses revealed last month that talks had begun on multi-million pound expansion plans.

Deputy council leader Tim Wright said the council had developed the policy alongside other Black Country councils.

"As set out in the Black Country joint core strategy, a condition of any significant extra retail space is that the owners would need to implement a car parking charging system similar to comparable centres," he said.

## Dan's nursing big hopes



Dan Favill celebrates reaching the regional finals of an open mic competition

A singer from Coseley is hoping to wow judges and win a recording contract with his own song that pays tribute to his late grandfather.

Dan Favill, aged 28, of Pointon Close, is hoping for success in the regional finals of the Open Mic UK contest on October 29. He has already

beaten off competition from hundreds of performers to reach the top 60 in the Midlands heats at Birmingham's NEC.

Mr Favill works as a community mental health nurse in Dudley. The hip-hop track, called All Human in the End, tackles issues such as old age and mental health.

If he is successful, Mr Favill will secure a place at the national grand final in January 21 next year at The O2 arena in London.

## Plans for market are restricted

A popular Black Country street market will be extended – but the plans have been scaled back after complaints that local shops could be hit.

Halesowen's farmers and craft market will be allowed an extra 10 stalls by Dudley Council licensing chiefs.

But they rejected an application to hold the market in the town centre every week.

The farmers' market runs on alternate Saturdays throughout the year and is very restricted as to the types of goods which can be sold.

The council's licensing committee heard that the Victorian Street Fair or the Christmas Market could be hit if a larger market took place every Saturday.

The committee said they would review the situation in six months.

Market boss Dermot McGillicuddy said later: "This was a positive decision and it will go a long way to improving what the market has to offer."

## Pub in spirit to get pedalling

Fundraisers at a Black Country pub will clock up more than 900 miles on an exercise bike to bring in cash for two charities.

Regulars at the Jolly Crispin, Clarence Street, Upper Gornal, will stage the cycling challenge over the next two weeks with the aim of raising nearly £1,000.

It will be split between Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind and the Help for Heroes charity, which supports servicemen and women injured in conflicts.

People taking part in the competition have signed up to complete a certain number of miles on the exercise bike. Between them they aim to cover the distance between Lands End and John o' Groats, around 985 miles. They need to be sponsored £1 for every mile they complete.

The competition got under way last week with Karen Gullick, from the Beacon Centre, among the first to get on the bike and complete her part of the event.

She cycled 20 miles which was then marked out on a map at the pub to chart the route between Land's End and John O' Groats.



Jolly Crispin landlady Tracey Carey and Karen Gullick, from Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind, get ready for the fundraising 900-mile cycling challenge

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# School-run parents hit by fines

Scores of parents across the Black Country and Staffordshire have been fined for illegally parking outside schools in just five weeks as police and councils crack down on the problem.

Motorists are being handed £70 fines when they are caught parking on zig-zags and double yellow lines despite being banned from parking there during school hours. In Dudley eight fines were handed out, in Sandwell 27 have been penalised since the school year started in September and 26 in Wolverhampton.

Elsewhere, five fines were handed out in Cannock, eight in Walsall,

eight in Dudley and two in Stafford.

Council chiefs and police insist they are trying to protect the public.

Cars have been clogging up roads outside Manor Way, Huntingtree, Lutley, Howley Grange and Caslon primary schools in Halesowen.

Police community support officers were first drafted in before the summer holidays to try to stem the problem.

Congested roads outside Blackwood Primary School in Walsall have also caused problems, forcing buses up on to pavements to get around the vehicles. Pupils at Whetstone Field Primary, Aldridge raised cash for

four special warning signs so teachers and pupils could do their own patrols during rush hour.

A new £25 million learning campus in Wolverhampton at the site of the King's C of E School has seen issues caused by traffic arriving at The King's School and neighbouring Woodthorne Primary.

Sandwell Councillor Derek Rowley said child safety was a "top priority". He added: "We have warned people that it is illegal to park outside schools and that is why there are yellow zig-zag lines to indicate no parking between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday."

## Robbery in centre

A man was pushed against a wall and robbed while walking through a Black Country town centre, say police.

The 18-year-old victim was walking home in Stourbridge when a man in his 30s demanded his wallet.

The victim was heading along Hanbury Passageway towards Worcester Street at 7.45pm on October 5 when the attack happened.

Call Dudley CID on 0345 113 5000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 with information.

## Elderly flee as lorry in flames

More than 20 elderly residents were evacuated from a care home when a lorry on a nearby road went up in flames.

The residents at Bryden House, Kidderminster were rushed out when the blaze broke out at about 9pm on October 19.

They were taken into nearby houses in Marpool Lane for about 45 minutes until the fire had been put out.

## Last appointment for doctor

For almost 20 years, Dr Subodh Jain and wife Anu have helped cure the coughs, colds and more serious illnesses of people in the Dudley borough.

After working for 13 years around the UK as a hospital doctor, and as a GP in London, Dr Jain set up his own practice in Masefield Road, Gornal, in 1992.

He has worked with long-term conditions at Dudley's Primary Care Trust and carried out community sessions to help people with cardio-diabetes and dermatological conditions.

But now he is taking retirement, having handed the business over to Lower Gornal Medical Practice in Bull Street, Gornal Wood. "I am going to miss the community aspect of it."

"I feel I have tried to help my patients, and the community, to the best I can," said Dr Jain, aged 64, of Sedgley.

"I want to travel a bit - in the winter I am going to Australia and New Zealand, and then in the summer I will be going to China."

He and Mrs Jain, who is practice manager and partner in the firm, plan to hold a farewell open afternoon on October 28.



Dr Subodh Jain and wife Anu are preparing to bid farewell to Masefield Road Surgery, where they have been for almost 20 years, at the end of the month

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# Motorists targeted over illegal rat-run

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New traffic surveys are to be carried out near an illegal rat-run in Dudley used by up to 6,000 commuters a day as part of a bid to clear the car-clogged street.

People living in Blackacre Road have been complaining to police and Dudley Council for years about motorists using the street. Drivers were banned from the road except to access homes in 2002, but motorists have been flouting the order.

Plans were drafted this year to solve the problem by turning two roads into cul-de-sacs and making another one-way.

However, council chiefs declared no work would be carried out until further investigations could take place.

They decided they wanted to look at the traffic in the surrounding areas before making a final decision on what work to carry out and it was difficult to do that while long-running roadworks at the nearby Burnt Tree Island junction, which finished earlier this year, were being carried out.

Now council bosses have revealed they hope to complete the traffic surveys before the end of this year.

## Difficult

Councillor Patrick Harley, said: "There are issues associated with through traffic along Blackacre Road and in the surrounding areas that were difficult to assess while work continued at Burnt Tree junction."

"Now that work at Burnt Tree is complete, surveys will be carried out and are likely to be completed by the start of December. These results will then need to be analysed before anything can be put forward for public consideration."

The proposal put forward earlier this year was to close Blackacre Road between Shedden Street and Dando Road and make Paradise one-way towards Douglas Road.

The council also planned to turn Shedden Street into a cul-de-sac.

The aim was to cut the amount of traffic using Blackacre Road after a survey revealed 500 vehicles used the route in a weekday peak hour.

But residents living in nearby Rollason Road and Douglas Road claimed it will simply shift the problem with through traffic using their streets, making lives a misery.

## Cool food dudes at school



Front, Nadine Smith, and Bradley Probert, with fellow pupils and, back left to right, Sarah Abbiss, school Food Dudes co-ordinator, NHS Dudley MD Steve Cartwright, Ruth Wylie, Valerie Little, and Maxine Sharps of Food Dudes

A new scheme being rolled out in several schools in Dudley to get children to eat more fruit and vegetables.

The Food Dudes project helps educate children on healthy foods and tries to change eating habits from an early age.

Bosses at NHS Dudley's public health team say six schools have signed up to the new programme this term. Wrens Nest Primary School, Dudley, is among the first to help children "train their taste buds" with fun activities.

Up to 4,200 local children at primary and special schools will

take part in the scheme in Dudley in each of the next three years.

NHS Dudley director of public health Valerie Little said: "Eating habits are established in early life and a poor diet in childhood can lead to ill-health when people grow up."

Wrens Nest Headteacher Ruth Wylie added: "This is a great opportunity to encourage children to eat fruit and vegetables. Our children have loved taking part. Eating fruit and vegetables with the Food Dudes is definitely cool at Wrens Nest."

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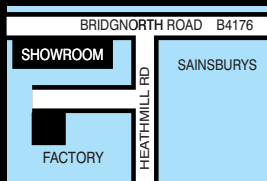
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# Councils putting freeze on tax

All except two councils in the West Midlands have agreed to freeze council tax next year. Dudley council has yet to make a decision.

Councils have been awarded a grant from the government equivalent to a 2.5 per cent council tax increase if they freeze the levy on residents.

Dudley Council leader Les Jones said freezing council tax for one year could mean a bigger increase the year after and said the council was "keeping an open mind" on all options. "We need to get more information from the government," he said. "If it turns out that financial

pressures are such that by introducing the freeze next year, we have to increase tax by even more the year after, we may not take on the freeze."

"We would love to freeze it again, but we have to make sure it's in the best long-term interest of the borough."

Meanwhile, Wyre Forest District Council is also undecided. A spokesman said that while it was "strongly considering" the freeze it would not make any definite decisions until February.

Councils in Wolverhampton, Walsall and Sandwell have all voted to accept the deal, accepting grants

totalling around £7.5 million – the equivalent of a 2.5 per cent increase across the areas.

Sandwell Council leader Darren Cooper said: "People are having hard times at the moment – every penny in their pockets is important."

But he warned the council would be forced to impose an increase the following year if the grant did not continue.

Staffordshire County Council leader Philip Atkins also revealed that the council had accepted the deal to freeze tax. "We want to ease pressure on our residents as much as we can," he said.

## £10,000 to boost air quality

Almost £10,000 has been handed over to Dudley Council to improve air quality around schools and colleges.

Borough bosses say they want to use the £9,900 handed over by the Government to raise awareness of the issue among motorists.

It will also support the work of the council's air quality action plan by promoting good driving techniques which minimise air pollution.

An awareness campaign is set to be launched as part of the existing safer routes to school programme which encourages the use of walking and using public transport to get to school.

It will try and convince parents not to leave their engines running around schools and colleges when they are doing the school run.

The funding will also mean courses carried out by Year 11 pupils and college students will be modified to incorporate air quality considerations and discourage engine idling.

## Solicitors show their quality



From left, are Izabela Sztalinger, Chris Westwood, Rosie the dog and Martyn Morgan

Staff from a Black Country law firm stepped out for a walk along the River Severn – and raised nearly £800 for charity.

The QualitySolicitors Talbots team from Dudley, Stourbridge, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton and Codsall, walked 14 miles from Bewdley to Bridgnorth – and back. The proceeds are being given to the Chris Westwood Charity for Children, which supports youngsters with physical disabilities.

Chris Westwood, chairman of the charity, joined staff on the first Talbots

Walkathon. Martyn Morgan, senior partner with QualitySolicitors Talbots and a co-trustee of the charity, said: "It was a great event, with walkers joined by friends and a few family pets."

"We are always happy to support such a worthy cause, and I greatly appreciate the support of our staff who helped us raise nearly £800 for the Chris Westwood charity." Mr Westwood added: "It was a great day, and although not all of us walked the full route, we are grateful yet again for the excellent support the charity receives from QualitySolicitors Talbots."

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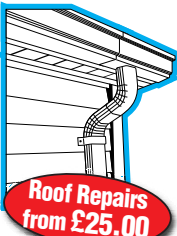
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# Have a scream this Halloween



**H**ORRIBLE historians at **Black Country Living Museum** are set to disgust and delight with a Halloween Gore and Grime Trail which takes place during the half term holiday, until Sunday, October 30.

Ghostbusting visitors can follow a revolting route around the museum site or make wicked winged puppets during creative workshops held in the museum's Workers' Institute. A Victorian Side Show will take place on Fright Nights Friday and Saturday (October 28 and 29) when mysterious guides recount terrifying tales of old, whilst ghosts and

**What's worse than a ghost – a ghost with a snake, roaming West Midlands Safari Park. Little witches have a cackling good time at the Black Country Living Museum**



ghouls lurk in the eerie half-light of the shadows on the gas-lit cobbled streets.

Circus skills, fire-juggling, face-painting, balloon animals, magician's tricks, living statues and the headless horseman will bring lots of fun and a macabre magic to the evening. A black comedy will be performed by theatre company, Fizzog.

Tickets for the museum's Fright Nights cost £13.60 per adult, £11 senior and £7.10 young person and must be pre-booked through the ticket office on 0121 520 8054 or via the museum's website at [www.bclm.com](http://www.bclm.com). A small charge of £3.50 applies for taster sessions with mystics, psychics and palm readers and additional charges apply for fairground rides and car-parking.

There's a distinct chill in the air as **West Midland Safari Park** unleashes its creepiest creatures for a Spooky Spectacular.

Running daily from 10am and on selected evenings, everyone is encouraged to dress up and take part in a variety of scary activities and eerie animal encounters to celebrate Halloween.

Spooky Nights are open from tomorrow (Friday) at 5.30pm until October 30. As the daylight fades staff will be bracing themselves to deliver the ultimate spooky experience as the park has 100 haunting exhibits and more than 3,000 pumpkins. There are spooks galore from the Wild Woods witches and wailing women and wandering zombies to shivering scarecrows.

The Tree Tops Pavilion will be transformed into a Halloween haven for hands-on craft activities and is the place to hear spooky stories to send shivers down the spine. Hear chilling tales of giant snakes from the reptile crypt, while the sea lion show will take on a phantom pirate theme. During the whole event the

**IT'S** the season for ghosts, ghouls, witches, werewolves and anything else likely to go bump in the night... and attractions across the West Midlands are joining the creepy cavalcade

all-weather Discovery Trail exhibits will be open including the Twilight Cave, Creepy Crawlies, Seaquarium and Mark O'Shea's Reptile World, along with late night rides that will naturally include *Venom* and the *Black Fly*.

Standard admission prices apply for Spooky Days (£13.99 adults, £11.99 children) and special prices apply for entry during Spooky Nights (£6.99 adults, £4.99 children). Amusement rides are charged extra.

Further information is available from the park's official website [www.wmssp.co.uk](http://www.wmssp.co.uk) or by telephone on 01299 402114.

The ghost train will be leaving from Kidderminster's **Severn Valley Railway** station on Saturday and then over the Halloween weekend.

Tickets cost £5.95 each for both adults and children. Children under the age of four years travel free. Pre-booking is essential either on 01299 403816 or see [www.svr.co.uk](http://www.svr.co.uk).

From ghosts and ghouls to gruesome tucker, **Cadbury World** is hosting a spook-tacular line-up of activities this Halloween.

The popular attraction is planning a series of frighteningly fun Halloween themed activities between October 22 and 30 including a spooky fancy dress competition for children.

The Cadbury World staff will be creating mischief and mayhem dressed as ghosts and ghouls, with visitors treated to family entertainment including children's performer Rags and ventriloquist Kimmo.

The restaurant will be offering a terrifyingly tasty menu including

sludge casserole, werewolf eyes and witches' broth. Visitors will also have the opportunity to purchase chocolate treats and limited edition handmade pumpkin novelties from the World's Biggest Cadbury Shop.

In addition to these spooky activities, visitors can experience a wide variety of entertainment in its 14 different zones. Learn what makes Cadbury chocolate so devilishly delicious and travel back in time to meet the man behind the brand, John Cadbury.

## Atmosphere

Diane Mitchell, marketing manager at Cadbury World, said: "Cadbury World is always a popular choice for people looking for chocolate treats and this year we've introduced a mix of activities to entertain the entire family.

"We're positive that whether you're young or old a trip to Cadbury World this Halloween is guaranteed to be a scream."

For more information about a visit to Cadbury World visit the [www.cadburyworld.co.uk](http://www.cadburyworld.co.uk) website.

A spooky atmosphere will await visitors at the Ghostly Gaslight Halloween event at **Blists Hill Victorian Town**, near Ironbridge in Shropshire, on the evening of Saturday, October 29.

As dusk falls, spooky antics are going to replace the normal everyday activities that take place at the open-air museum.

Weird apparitions will replace the friendly Victorians who are usually



**Chocolate pumpkins, a terrifyingly tasty idea at Cadbury World in Birmingham this Halloween**

seen in the own's shops, cottages and work places. Watch out for the village carpenter turned coffin maker who may ask you to test out his casket – make sure his hasn't got his hammer and nails handy!

This event will start at 6pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance, priced at £9 adults and £6 children aged 3-16 years. All under 16s must be accompanied by an adult, tickets will not be available on the gate and Ironbridge Gorge Museum Passports are not valid for this event.

For more information call 01952 433424 or visit the website at [www.ironbridge.org.uk](http://www.ironbridge.org.uk).

**Birmingham Botanical Gardens** in Edgbaston is offering to help keep the youngsters occupied during half term.

From Monday to Friday, October 24-28, admission to the Botanical Gardens will be free for children under 15, accompanied by at least one full paying adult (£7.50).

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## REVIEWS

## Calendar Girls, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre

Tim Firth's warm and funny play based on the true story of a Yorkshire Women's Institute who posed nude for a calendar in aid of leukaemia research has, like the naked calendar, become a phenomenon.

The UK's most successful touring production, which has proved an even bigger box office than the hit movie it is derived from, is coming to the end of its four-year trek around the theatres of the nation, which has given actresses of a certain age the chance to join a great girls' night out.

The fact that ladies of a certain age still fill theatres to see it, this time on the play's fourth visit to the West Midlands, is a testament to its enduring appeal.

Loose Woman and original cast member Lynda Bellingham returns to the role of Chris, the main force behind the calendar idea, and strikes an immediate chord with the audience. Jan Harvey sensitively plays the role of her best friend Annie. It is the death of her popular husband John which inspires the fundraising and his gradual decline due to cancer is poignantly portrayed by Joe McGann.

The star-studded cast also features Rula Lenska as Celia, the trophy wife with the racey past whose major attributes require "considerably bigger buns" to preserve her modesty; Ruth Madoc as the disapproving

WI chief; Jennifer Ellison as Scouse single mum Cora; and Coronation Street actor Bruno Langley, confusingly cast in dual roles as the photographer and a TV commercial director.

The two best performances were from lesser-known actresses, Debbie Chazen as the confidence-lacking Ruth, who becomes the mouse who roars (something unprintable) at Camilla Dallerup's patronising beauty; and Jane Watson as retired teacher Jessie, who has some of the wisest and wittiest lines, including the stipulation that there must be "no front bottoms" revealed.

Nudity is only glimpsed and tastefully, comically done, and the laugh-out-loud first act has a more poignant second act, in which the amazing international success of the calendar causes a rift between the friends.

The set looks a little tired and creaky but it is supposed to be a village hall and they usually are tired and creaky. Get ready for another round of Calendar Girls fever next year when amateur companies get the rights to perform the play... in the meantime catch this version while you can but there aren't many tickets left.

It finishes at the Grand on Saturday.

Leon Burakowski

## Sharon Shannon, Glee Club, B-ham

Irish folk musician Sharon Shannon is called a virtuoso of the accordion and boy does she deserve it. She does things with that squeezebox that a decade ago the Catholic church would have banned as incendiary.

Internationally renowned Shannon came along with special guest and fellow veteran of the Irish folk music circuit Eleanor McEvoy.

During the first part of show McEvoy had a chance to display her wonderful versatility on guitars, fiddle and even using a couple of boxes of Smarties as instruments.

Then it was down to Shannon and her band of extremely talented musicians to give the appreciative Glee audience a perfect example of the Craic and she hit them right between the eyes from the very first track.

Considering she spends the whole set sitting down, the energy Shannon puts into the jigs and reels during her performance with her hands just a blur as they fire out notes with every squeeze of her instrument is just infectious.

With tracks such as Jewels in the Ocean, Duo in C which she played with Dez Donnelly, who is an absolutely awesome fiddle player, Raitlin Island and Flying Circus the musician from Clare set the Birmingham club alight.

Shannon of course finished the night with the two songs, Blackbird and Galway Girl, which have become her signature tunes and were constantly demanded by her persistent fans, who even in the cosy confines of the Glee studio found room to get up and dance.

Danny Farragher

## Cliff Richard, The Soulicious Tour, LG Arena

They came from near and far to pay homage to the Peter Pan of pop and he didn't disappoint.

Cliff Richard maybe realised the long trek many fans had made and launched into From a Distance. Keen to promote his latest album Soulicious.

Cliff treated the packed LG to memories from his career. The 71-year-singer, who left the stage for five costume changes during the two and a half hour show is still sprightly and kept up with his dancers.

One by one soul stars including Percy Sledge, Lamont Dozier, Freda Payne, Billy Davis Jr and Jaki Graham joined Sir Cliff on stage to perform their own hits as well as their duet with Cliff. But he always kept his promise to his "delicious" fans and switched back to songs such as I Could Easily Fall in Love In The Country from his Shadows era. Predictably he went into The Young Ones and Summer Holiday and then into Devil Woman.

Cliff came back for his encore with Always and Forever.

Sue Attwater

## No magic touch from Paul

He has been on the entertainment scene for decades and has made millions of people laugh, but Paul Daniels' new tour didn't really work magic for me.

I liked it – well, parts of it – but not a lot, to paraphrase the magician. The first half of Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow performance at Dudley Concert Hall saw the 73-year-old mix some jokes with a particularly impressive illusion in which he made a young girl appear to be floating above a table.

Thrown in were a couple of card tricks and although impressive, they didn't really make me feel I was seeing anything particularly amazing. This was followed by a series of tricks by Daniels' son, Martin, who seemed to lack the presence of his father, and the occasional appearance from Debbie McGee.

In the second half of the show, there were card and scarf and rabbit in a hat tricks.

This was followed by some more audience participation and 'mind control'. The crowd seemed to leave feeling happy. It just didn't leave me feeling like I had anything new.

Shaun Jepson



Martin Daniels, Paul Daniels and Debbie McGee were in Dudley last night



Mr Stink, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

THE children's book by the taller half of Little Britain, David Walliams, has been turned into a delightful musical with a positive message about love and acceptance, adapted and directed by Matthew White.

Peter Edbrook was charming as the whiffy aristocratic tramp with a talking (to audience only) dog befriended by lonely schoolgirl Chloe Crumb, played with a nice innocence by Lotte Gilmore.

In return Mr Stink gets a spoilt bully off her back with a strategically placed belch and paps at the Prime Minister to destroy the political ambitions of Chloe's wannabe MP mother, the operatically-voiced Julia J Nagle. Chloe's mum was the sort of person to insist her surname be pronounced 'croom'. Irvin Iqbal added several funny cameos, including barmy confectionary-obsessed shopkeeper Raj.

The show was dubbed a scratch and sniff musical but to me every pong on the handout was identical... thankfully the show was no stinker.

Leon Burakowski



What will we say when you're gone – Andy Bell

## Erasure simply out of this world

Erasure, Civic Hall, Wolverhampton

Billed as the "Tomorrow's World" tour, it was more "Out of This World" for Erasure at a packed-to-the-rafters Civic Hall.

Twenty five years after their first major UK Top 40 hit, Sometimes, the electronic pop duo of Andy Bell and Vince Clarke took to a gothic-themed stage set, complete with gargyle keyboard arrangement for Clarke, alongside just two backing singers, sisters Emma and Valerie Chalmers, to the lesser-known "Sono Luminus" from a 1995 album.

But the party atmosphere began there and didn't stop for the duo's hour-and-a-half well-chosen set.

And the guys certainly cut the mustard as much today as they did a quarter of a century ago.

New material from the recently-released Tomorrow's World album including Fill Us With Fire, You've Got To Save Me Right Now and A Whole Lotta Love Run Riot, mixed perfectly with classics such as Love To Hate You, Stop, Always, A Little Respect, Ship Of Fools and Blue Savannah Song.

Andy Bell looked amazing, entering the stage in a pink sequined jacket and matching Roman helmet. He entertained the crowd with his amazing pirouetting and jumping throughout every song during the set.

The encore included 'Oh Lamour, followed by the classic Stop!, only now being older and wiser, all the crowd could say is that the duo have gained more than a little respect for a stunning and spectacular show.

Emma Farmer

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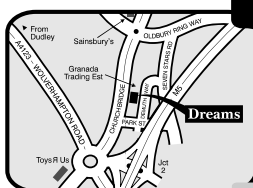
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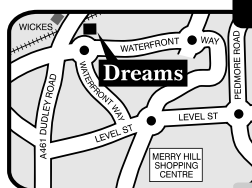
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# Hopes of return for social club dashed

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Hopes that a historic Black Country social club could reopen have been dashed because the site has been bought by investors in London.

Brierley Hill Labour Club has stood empty since it closing last year after more than 70 years when profits began to plummet. It was recently sold for £215,000 at auction.

Administrators assured locals the mystery buyers wanted to keep it as a club.

But now they have put the derelict site up for let and have admitted it may not remain as a business premises.

Stuart Doolittle, of letting agents Lex Allan, said the two London-based investors, who want to remain anonymous, are looking at "all options" for the site.

## Restaurant

He said: "They are very open-minded in terms of what can go in there."

"Ideally we would like it to become a restaurant but there is no restriction on what it could be. They are now looking specifically at it being a pub or club."

There have been two viewings at the site but no-one has expressed interest of moving in, he said.

Residents said last week they felt "disappointed" that the building may not be a licensed premises.

Jim Charles, aged 68, of Talbot Street, said: "When it was sold it all sounded really positive and we hoped it would be a club for us all to visit again."

"It's an eyesore so anything that can be done will be an improvement."

"But this was such a historic place that it will be a shame to see it lose its character."

The club, which was founded in the 1930s, was often packed on election nights and was used for Labour Party meetings until the late 1990s.

It went into administration after it started losing thousands.

## Tribute to leader Stephen



Beaver leader Helen Gasson, Beaver Ryan Shingler, aged seven, Cub Thomas Jeavons, 10, and Scout Brandon Peters, 12, with fellow Scouts

A campfire circle set to be used by future generations of young Beavers, Cubs and Scouts has been built in memory of a former Black Country Scout leader. The memorial in honour of 27-year-old Stephen Danks, who died in 2006 after falling from a balcony while on holiday in Bulgaria, has been more than a year in the making at the 1st Lower Gornal Scout group. It was built after Mr Danks's family donated money for a project in his memory.

Mr Danks was involved with 1st Lower Gornal Scout Group from a young age, starting as a Cub then a Scout then becoming a Venture Scout before progressing to become a leader. He loved camping and outdoor pursuits.



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# Louis pulls all the chocs out

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The 19-year-old, of Enville Road,

Kinver, has also signed a deal to export thousands of products to 13 states across America. Louis is the founder of Chokolit, which makes quality chocolate for specialist food shops, delicatessens and other retail outlets.

The family-run firm has five employees, including his parents, Phil and Mary. At the moment he is travelling around Mexico giving talks to universities and business seminars before meeting up with a supplier from Singapore later this month. He is hoping to move into the Asian market and there are hopes the company could become "world famous" in the coming months.

He said: "In the UK I'd signed 20 autographs in my life, but at the Chocolate Fest event in

Mexico I signed 4,000. In two years India will be the biggest chocolate consumer in the world so we are always looking to expand."

After dropping out of school at 11, Louis, who suffers from dyslexia and dyspraxia, began by supplying products to supermarket chain Waitrose. But he has seen sales fall in the UK in recent months so has decided to target overseas markets where he does not have to compete with large brands.

He signed a deal earlier this year to supply a US distributor with 37,000 bars of chocolate after exhibiting at the Fancy Fine Food Fair in New York.

Now 89 huge department stores in Mexico are stocking the chocolate, with another 20 interested.

His mother, Mary, who works on marketing for the firm, said: "We are so proud of him."



Entrepreneur Louis Barnett

## Coroner adjourns hearing

A coroner has called for more information on the death of a man who was found in woodland after being missing for a week.

Mark Butler, aged 46, was discovered by police near his home on land off Overfield Road, Dudley - just yards from the Bushey Fields Hospital where he had been treated for depression and schizophrenia.

An inquest heard he had taken an overdose of anti-psychotic drug Clozapine. An empty bottle of brandy was found next to his body but there was no alcohol in his system, said Dr Swapna Ghosh.

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain adjourned the hearing at Dudley Coroners Court after Mr Butler's mother complained about his care. Mr Balmain told her to list her concerns and send them to him.

He would then decide whether to call any mental health staff to attend.

## Landlord calls time on slide

A pub landlord has taken down a giant slide at the centre of a long-running dispute after temporary planning permission expired.

John Coombes has called time on the 9ft slide at The Summerhouse, Gospel End Road, Sedgley.

It brings to an end years of fighting to keep the slide after neighbours complained about the levels of noise and its use.

But he still plans to have a slide at the site next summer - in an inflatable version. Mr Coombes was granted temporary permission for the attraction by South Staffordshire Council in 2009, but the period has now expired.

The landlord said while he had been given the option to resubmit an application to keep the slide he simply did not have the resources to start the process again.

"It would be like starting from scratch," he said. "Nothing has changed from when the application was approved in 2009 but we would have to submit exactly the same plans and go through the same process all over again."



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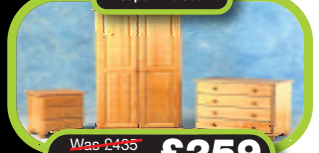
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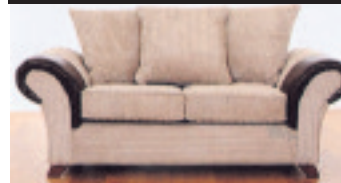
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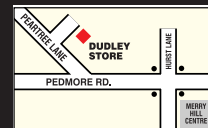
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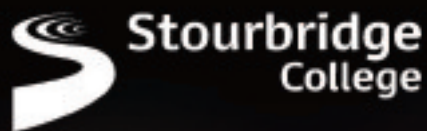
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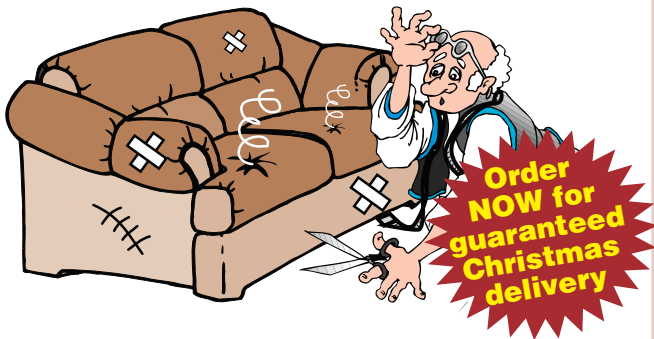
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# Rowing can be a novel way of getting exercise

I recently visited Stourbridge Arm Canoe Club for a Saturday paddle from their canal-side base just off Kinver Street, Wordsley down to the Bonded Warehouse in Stourbridge and back.

It was a hugely enjoyable afternoon – thanks to everyone at the club for making me feel so welcome. Why not get involved and experience a new way of getting some good exercise? Log on to Facebook for Stourbridge Arm Canoe Club or email [stourbridgearmcanoeclub@gmail.com](mailto:stourbridgearmcanoeclub@gmail.com).

I also visited FibreOn Laminate Panels Limited, Wordsley, a sports car repairer specialising in British made TVRs, recently.

It was great to spend time at a thriving small business which has a fine reputation nationally, with cars coming in every week from across the country because of the skills of Julian Arnold and his team.

I attended a meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Economy of the West Midlands in Parliament.

We were joined by Stewart Towe CBE from the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership and Sara Middleton of the Black Country Consortium.

Thank you to Stewart and Sarah for all they are doing for our local economy.

Stewart highlighted the partnership already underway between Black Country businesses and schools through the charity, Business in the Community – if you run a business and would like to get involved please see [www.bic.org.uk](http://www.bic.org.uk)

### Investment

At the meeting we were introduced to the Business Growth Fund, a major new £2.5 billion equity investment capital fund backed by five of the largest banks in the UK.

It is being proposed that parking charges should be introduced at the Merry Hill shopping centre in my constituency.

The theory is some of the proposed parking revenue

**"Parking charges at Merry Hill are equivalent to another tax – a tax to do your weekly family shop and clothe your children."**

would go towards improving public transport locally but I cannot accept yet more charges on hard-pressed families and motorists in Dudley South and the Black Country.

Parking charges at Merry Hill are equivalent to another tax – a tax to do your weekly family shop and clothe your children.

I am also concerned that, if charges are introduced, residential streets in the vicinity of the centre will not be able to cope with the volume of legally parked cars as drivers seek to avoid paying charges at the centre.

This would undoubtedly damage the quality of life of

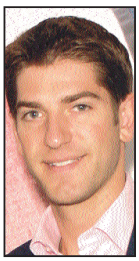
a considerable number of my constituents who live close to Merry Hill.

I have already met with senior management at Westfield's UK head office in London about the expansion plans and have written to Lucas Ross at Westfield and the leader of the council to make my views known and see if a way around introducing charges can be found.

I wrote a couple of months ago about my views on the riots in August.

The Government has now set up the independent Riots Communities and Victims Panel to examine and understand why the riots took place.

**Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter**



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I have signed a moderate back bench EU Referendum motion.

The motion, which is due to be voted on in the Commons shortly, would provide the people of the UK with three options.

### Beliefs

By doing so I am being true to my beliefs and also, I believe, reflecting the views of a majority of my constituents.

The House calls upon the Government to introduce a Bill in the next session of Parliament to provide for the holding of a national referendum on whether the United Kingdom should:

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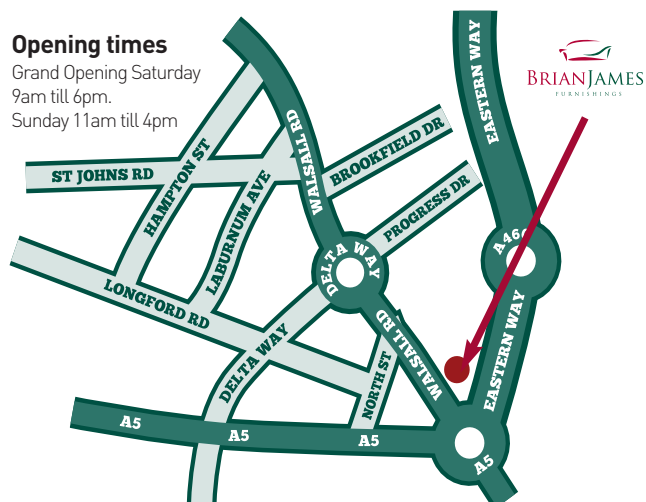
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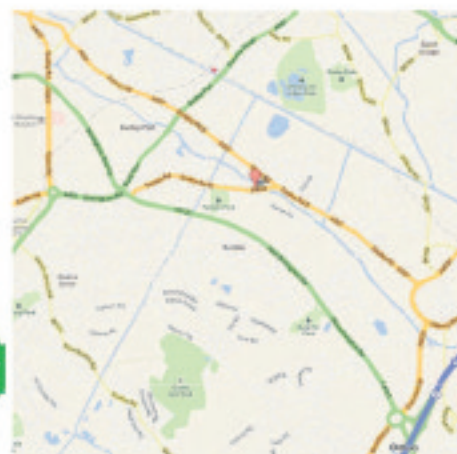
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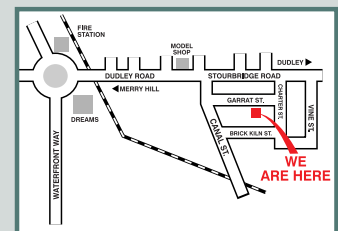
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# What will add most value to your home?

AN extension or loft conversion which creates a double bedroom with its own bathroom can increase the value of a home by nearly a quarter (23 per cent) – and is the single most effective home improvement project which most owners can carry out, says a survey.

New research by Nationwide Building Society suggests a 10 per cent increase in floor space adds 5 per cent to the price of a typical home, but that an extra bedroom is usually a more effective use of your money than moving.

## Critical

While moving up from a three-bedroom house to a four-bedroom, two-bathroom property costs an average £40,000, a loft conversion or other extension can be accomplished for possibly £30,000 to £35,000.

But the extra bathroom is the critical point. An extra bedroom, by itself, adds only 12 per cent to average price. Nationwide figures show the gap in value between three and four-bedroom homes widens as buyers come southwards. In Scotland it is £39,107, the north £35,629 and in the north west it is £32,756.

In the East Midlands, the gap is the lowest in the country at £31,710, but in London, the price gap is nearly £91,000 – and in the



Loft extensions are the most effective way to add a significant value to your home

south east it is £42,017. So the more expensive the work.

In July, Nationwide said a record 19 per cent of further advances given to existing borrowers were used to pay for structural improvements, such as extensions and loft conversions. More than 10 per cent of its remortgages were also used to help fund similar structural work.

## Spare

Nationwide also found many people live in homes which are already too big for them.

Some 84 per cent of owner-occupied homes have at least one spare bedroom. Some 47

per cent are actually classified as 'under-occupied', meaning they have two or more spare bedrooms.

Nationwide's report also says energy efficiency is an issue set to loom larger in buyers' minds, with government figures suggesting more than 19 million homes could benefit from at least one of the cost effective improvements recommended through the energy performance certificate now required when a home is sold.

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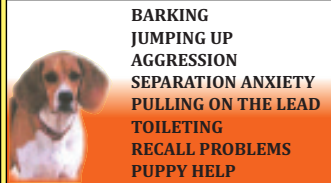
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**A:** If the tiles are buckling, you'll have to remove them because

water from the bath and the shower has got behind them.

Take off any that aren't properly adhered to the bathroom wall and replace them completely, or remove the whole wall of tiles and start from scratch.

To be on the safe side, silicone-seal along the top of all the tiles to stop this from happening again.

**Brushing up can only improve your house**

A LICK of paint can transform your home's exterior walls, but actually doing the job is not as simple as you might think.

The perfect conditions for decorating the exterior of your home are dry, warm and overcast weather, as high temperatures can cause paint to blister.

Use good quality paint suitable for exterior walls. Look for products with added extras, such as fungicide to inhibit mould growth, and that come with a guarantee.

New rendering and masonry with a chalky feel should be sealed with a stabilising solution first.

**Woodwork**

Before starting to paint, fill any cracks and holes with exterior filler, clean off any mould and dirt, and use a scraper and sander/sandpaper to remove any flaking paint.

Cover the garden adjoining the house with plastic dust-sheets to protect it from paint splashes. You may also want to mask off the gutting and woodwork when painting the walls.

Work across the building from left to right, or right to

**Choose a dry but fairly warm day if you want to paint the exterior walls of your home**

left, painting a section at a time. Do the top half and then the bottom half, repeating for each section of wall. Don't stop painting in the middle of a section because the joins may show.

If you're using a ladder, don't take any risks with your safety.

Start by erecting the ladder correctly - for every 4m you extend it, it should be 1m away from the house, forming a 75-degree angle.

The ladder should also sit on flat, firm and stable ground. Secure the ladder at both the top (to the house) and bottom (to the ground) as

you work across the house.

If you have to rest the top of the ladder against a window, fix a piece of wood across the window first to take the weight.

Never lean across when working on a ladder - always move it so you can reach without stretching.

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Here are a selection of new gifts from the Lakeland catalogue, also available online – [www.lakeland.co.uk](http://www.lakeland.co.uk) – and in their shops. Top left, these scented clay hearts add a touch of romance to rooms, as well as imparting a delicate fragrance. £4.99 each, available in lavender, orange and cinnamon or carnation. The home fragrance gift set, right, £11.99, includes a decorative orange and cinnamon scented clay heart and a cushioned pouch which can be fragranced by the room spray.



## Glow on – banish the gloom and freshen a room

These reed diffusers (below) are from Lake District candle company Colony, which has teamed up with the Royal Horticultural Society to create natural smelling oils which the reeds wick up to bring a country garden bouquet to the air. Available in sweet pea or lavender, £12.99. The sparkling rose candle (left) is a blooming lovely glitter-dusted centre piece, almost too nice to burn but the flickering flame should last for 15 hours. £6.99 and it comes in a gift box.



Lakeland's new luxury candle collection includes, below from left, the exclusive light and summery Lavender Breeze, the romantic Rose & Jasmine and subtle spice of the cosy Winter Warmer. Made in Wiltshire, the mineral wax has been poured into a decorative glass. Burn time is around 28 hours. £9.99 each.



## Smartphone under £80 and the new Wildfire S



Vodafone 858



HTC Wildfire S

FOR those waiting to join the smartphone revolution but put off by high prices and long, locked in contracts... Vodafone look like providing the new entry level.

Their functional, no-nonsense own brand 858 does most of what other phones two or three times the price do, but currently at a reasonable £75 and on pay-as-you-go rather than contract.

If you want great stylish looks and every single one of the latest whistles and bells delivered at lightning fast processor speeds, look elsewhere and pay for the privilege. But if you are prepared to make a few small sacrifices for economy, such as a slightly cramped screen and on-screen keyboard that's a tad fiddly and takes up that screen space, consider the 858.

It is touchscreen driven and comfortably handles all the main tasks of a smartphone. It runs Android 2.2 so you can download apps, can link up to the net and other phones via Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and USB, and it plays and records video.

The camera is a basic 2 megapixel job and the 130mb onboard memory may become exhausted by heavy users, though there is a microSD slot for additional memory. There's also an FM radio.

But if money's tight and you are eager to download the latest apps like your mates, and keep tabs on them with Twitter and Facebook, and have the opportunity to do some internet browsing, this is a good option.

For smartphone users who expect the full fat Android experience, HTC's new and improved Wildfire S is a better option at around £145, free on some contracts.

This revamp of an established favourite has upped the resolution of the LCD screen to 320x480 and the screen display is a generous 3.2in on which to see those sharply detailed icons, pictures and text. It packs a better and quicker processor which means much quicker load times when browsing the web and only the most memory hungry apps cause any appreciable lagging.

The five megapixel camera is still better than most of the budget to medium priced opposition, and with a modern chipset and using Google's mobile OS, it's a lot lighter on battery power than you might expect.

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## MERLIN

BBC1, 8.10pm

Arthur and his brave warriors may be knights of the Round Table, but unlike the protagonists of hit musical Spinal Tap, they don't dance whenever they're able. Instead, as we see in this episode, they don with the likes of the formidable Queen Anne. Without a wink of these hanging in the balance, Arthur must find the strength to become the leader his people so desperately need. Bradley James (Arthur) and Colin Morgan (Merlin) are present and correct as usual, while the outlandish Lancelot Duncan (these days best known for her work in Doctor Who) guest stars as Anne. The rest of the cast includes housewives favourite Anthony Head and Richard Wilson.

**6.00 Breakfast 2.30 Formula 1:** The Indian Grand Prix - Qualifying. Live coverage from the Buddh International Circuit. **11.00 Saturday Kitchen Live.** **12.00 BBC News:** Regional News; Weather. **12.15 Football Focus.** **1.00 Formula 1:** The Indian Grand Prix - Qualifying. **2.00 Live Rugby:** League England v Wales (Kick-off 2.30pm). **2.30 Final Score.** **2.50 A Question of Sport.** **3.00 BBC News:** Regional News; Weather.

**6.00 The Inbetweeners Show with Crickens and Strachan.** (F)

**6.30 Comedy Cuts:** Bruce Forsyth and Tessa Daly introduce the 11 remaining couples, who don their most ghastly and bewitching costumes to perform in a Halloween spectacular.

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## THE CUBE

ITV1, 7pm

Without a shadow of a doubt, Philip Schofield is the most likeable man on telly. If he's not bringing us the news, and celebrity gossip of a morning, he can often be found concealing the latest crop of contestants, beaten by his large Perseus box. The Cube enjoyed phenomenal success in its first three series, dropping along the way to pick up a Brit Award, as the masses continually tuned in to shout at their televisions each week. Well, now Philip and his box are back to test the skill and determination of more hopefuls who'll learn the hard way that it's a very different kettle of fish when you're actually in there and attempting to complete the challenge yourself.

**6.00 (GMT) Breakfast.** **200** Match of the Day (F) **8.30** Formula 1: The Indian Grand Prix - Live. The 17th round of the season from the Buddh International Circuit (Start-time 9.30am) **12.00** The Politic Show; Weather for the Week Ahead **1.10** Escape to the Country (F) **2.10** Formula 1: The Indian Grand Prix (F) **9.10** Frozen Planet (F) **9.30** Point of View **10.25** Songs of Praise.

**6.00 BBC News: Regional**

**News at 6.00.** **6.25** Countryfile. Rural life in Northumberland and the Fens Islands. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

**7.25 Celebrity Come Dine with Me.**

The results are announced.

**8.00 Auditions: Reunited.**

From the Great Hall at the University of Birmingham.

**9.00 De Vack: The Last**

**Thousand.** A recently discovered painting by Leonardo da Vinci.

**10.00 BBC News: Regional**

**News at 10.00.** Extended edition, hosted by Lee Mack.

**11.10 Anti-Raid 4 Minutes.**

With Nick Hewer, Jeremy Eddair and Christian O'Connell. (F)

**11.15 FLEET Street People.**

(2008) Comedy drama, starring Dennis Quaid.

**1.15 Weatherwise.**

**1.20** Sign Zone: Film 2011 with Claudia Winklerman (F) **2.00** Holly City (F) **3.00** A Farmer's Life for Me. (F) **4.00** BBC News.

**6.00** CBeebies: (GMT) Ziggy **6.10** The Large Family (F) **6.20** Garth and Ben (F) **6.30** Dipsy. (F) **6.40** Giggles. (F) **200** CBBC: **9.00** Something for the Weekend **11.30** Great British Food Festival. (F) **12.30** Play It (F) **1.00** EastEnders. **2.25** Flint Tara Road. (2008) Drama, starring Andie MacDowell and Olivia Williams. **3.30** Flint Mike Potter. (2008)

**6.00 The Tenthing Animals**

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**200** Top Gear: Jeremy Clarkson rises against the rotation of the Earth. (F)

**2.00 Thanks! Adventure with**

**Paul: Outward.** The cartoon character's origins.

**3.00 Lucie: The Great**

**Award of the Day.** Wild animals being kept by homeowners in America.

**10.00 Hunk of the Day 2.**

Tottenham Hotspur v Queens Park Rangers.

**9.30 Fast and Loose.**

Featuring Justin Edwards, Humphrey Ker and Jace Ransom. (F)

**11.20 Flower Island of the**

**Bromfield.** With Adam Burton, Feggie Yates, Margaret Cho, Dyanne and Beverly Knight. (F)

**11.30 FLEET: Hollywood & The**

**Curse of Elkhorn** **Hyatt.** (1995)

**1.15** Film: Ginger Snaps Unleashed. (2004) **2.05** BBC News. **3.25** Close.

**6.00** CITV: Mini CITV **7.15** CITV **8.25** Mark. **9.30** Horik Henry **9.45** Planet Sketch (F) **10.30** Film: Yu-Gi-Oh! (2004) Animated adventure, with the voice of Dan Green. **11.30** Film: Nimb Island. (2008) Premiere. Comedy adventure, starring Jodie Foster. **11.55** TV News; Weather. **12.30** Live FA Cup: First Round Draw. Coverage from Wembley Stadium. **2.00** The X Factor. (F) **3.45** Downton Abbey. (F) **5.00** The Betty Driver Story (F)

**6.00 Regional Programme.**

**6.15** ITV News: Weather.

**6.30** Harry Hill's TV Repair. A comic review of the week's small-screen highlights. (F)

**7.00 The Cube.**

New series. **7.30** The X Factor. The results, with performances by Cher Lloyd and Nicole Scherzinger.

**8.00 Dexter: A New**

**development.** A new development about the family.

**10.15 The Sunday Night**

**Show.** With Louie Spence and Harry Redknapp.

**10.25 ITV News: Weather.**

**11.00** Someone's Daughter. The family of murdered teenager Leanne Tienant. Last in the series. (F)

**12.00 Premiership: Rugby Union.**

Action from the seventh round of fixtures **12.25** The Zone. Shopping and interactive gaming.

ITV News: Headlines. **2.00** Motorsport UK. **2.30** ITV Nightvision. **3.30** ITV Morning News.

**6.30** The Great London Swim **205** Channel 4 Presents - Nathan Stephens: 'The Sharp End' (F) **7.30** T4: One Tree Hill. (F) **8.05** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.15** T4: Professor Green Unseen. **11.35** T4: Live and Lost: Fizzle Kidz. **11.50** T4: In Time: T4 Movie Special. **12.10** T4: Florence and the Machine: The T4 Interview. **12.20** T4: The Simpsons. (F) **12.30** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **1.30** Film: Future Perfect. (1997) Romantic comedy, with Jennifer Aniston and Jay Mohr. **3.30** T4: The Simpsons. (F) **5.20** Kinobis: Handmade Britain. (F) **5.25** Dead or No Dead: Benicent's Monitors.

**6.50 Channel 4 News.****6.55 The Football Club.**

**200** Grand Designs. A London home large enough to contain a sauna, spa and dance floor. (F)

**8.00 River Cottage: Veg.**

Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's vegetable patch is invaded by slugs.

**9.00 The Secret of the**

**Islands.** Inventor Edward Douglas-Miller goes undercover in Norwich.

**10.00 Alex Cruz: Cherry**

**Bliss.** New series. **11.0** Dexter Brown: The

**Quinceañera.** (F)

**12.20 American Football Live.**

Philadelphia Eagles v Dallas Cowboys (Kick-off 12.00am). **6.10** Freeports on 4. **6.40** Foot

**Modern Footies.** (F) **6.55** Grudge Match. (F) **7.05** Brief

**Encounters of the Sporting Mind:** Body Building. (F) **7.10** Scorpions Challenge. (F)

**6.00** Mikkel: (GMT) Peppa Pig **6.05** Pili and the Flowerpot. (F) **6.15** Fireman Sam. (F) **6.30** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs (F) **6.35** Miao Miao (F) **6.45** Castle Farm. (F) **6.50** Iggy Ogn. (F) **7.00** Football and Cuddly Too. (F) **7.10** The Save-Unit. (F) **7.25** Hansel & Helene. (F) **7.35** Little Princess. (F) **7.40** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (F) **7.45** Angelina Ballerina. **7.55** Rupert Bear. (F) **8.00** China. (F) **8.10** The Mr Men Show. (F) **8.25** Floozy the Racing Car. (F) **8.40** Animal Families. (F) **9.00** How Do They Do It? (F) **9.10** Great South Run Live. **12.30** Inside Hollywood. **12.40** Big Brother. (F) **1.00** Los Food Truckers: Decadent Foods. (F) **2.40** Film: The Canterville Ghost. (1996) Supernatural comedy, starring Patrick Stewart. **4.25** Film: The Ghost of Greville Lodge. (2000) Family drama, starring George Cole.

**6.10 FLEET: One & Dots.**

(2004) Comedy, starring Jeff Goldblum.

**6.30 I Love You Loud.**

**6.35** FLEET: The

**Adventure.** (F)

**6.50 Big Brother.**

**10.00** FLEET: The

**Dogzoo.** (2001) Martial arts adventure, starring Jet Li.

**11.25 UFO 66.**

**12.25** SuperCano. **6.05** The Family Recipe. (F) **6.10** Chinese

**Food in Minutes.** (F) **6.15** FLEET: (F) **6.30** Hansel & Helene. (F) **7.10** The Mikkel Show. (F) **7.25** Thomas & Friends. (F) **7.35** Floozy the Racing Car. (F)

**ITV2** **6.00** The X Factor **9.00** Peter Andre: My UK **10.00** Film: Wiryo Got Mail (1998) **10.15** The Planets: Perfect Animals **10.25** Crime Nights **10.30** The X Factor: Including an interview with the winner of the 10th series **10.45** The City Day to Day **10.50** Mike, Mike and Kaylene

**ITV3**

**6.00** Film: Minder on the Orient Express (1974) **6.25** Film: Minder on the Orient Express (1974) **6.50** The Darling Buds of May **7.00** Film: Radio (1988) **10.10** Britter, starring Hamilton Ford. **10.20** Hombrow

**ITV4**

**6.00** Film: For When the Bell Tolls (1945) **6.20** Great South Run Highlights **6.40** Premiership Rugby Union **6.50** Film: Unholy Night (1992) **10.00** Film: The Blue Brothers (1990)

**BBC THREE**

**7.00** (GMT) Formula 1: The Indian Grand Prix Highlights **7.40** World's Strictly Parents Top 10 Timeline **7.50** Clavin & Stacey **9.00** The Palace **10.00** Family Guy **10.40** American Dad! Cole

**BBC FOUR**

**7.00** (GMT) The Story of British Fables **7.40** The Viking Sagas **7.50** Tales from the National Parks. Of real wildlife, once again in the Peak District. **10.00** Film: Cloud 9 (2005) **10.20** Tales from the National Parks

**BBC FIVE**

**7.00** Superhero vs Superdancer **7.20** Mike Hor Break It **7.40** Snakebite **8.40** Film: Dr Dolittle (1998) **10.00** Film: X-Men (2000) **10.40** Mike Hor Comedy Lab: Mr & Mrs Hobby Hot Hot Show **10.50** Deal Set

**BBC SIX**

**7.00** Minder Most Foul (1994) **7.20** The Thief of Baghdad (1940) **7.40** Gifford Island (1995) **8.40** The Hejlskov (1998) **10.00** The Six Stars (2001)

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## Friday

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**BBC2** 6.00 *Cheeky Zed* CBSO 6.30 *Cheeky* CBSO 11.25 *The First Wives Show* (R) 12.00 *Daily Politics* 12.30 *GILT* with George Alagazi 1.00 *Diagnostic Murder* (R) 1.15 *George Alagazi's Laughing Gas* 2.15 *Westside* (R) 2.30 *George Alagazi's Laughing Gas* 3.15 *Country to Country* (R) 3.30 *Play It* 5.15 *Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is* (R) 6.00 *Eyewitness* (R) 6.30 *Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two* 7.00 *Celebrity Antiques Road Trip* 7.30 *Mastership* 8.30 *Antiques Road Trip* 9.30 *Antiques Road Trip* 10.30 *Antiques Road Trip* 11.30 *Antiques Road Trip* 12.55 *Laugh in the Park* (R) 1.15 *BBC News* 2.30 *Choice*

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**Channel 5** 6.00 Midsomer 8.15 The Night Shift 11.00 Live With George 12.45 S News Lunchtime 1.15 Big Brother (P) 1.50 Home & Away 2.15 CSI: Miami (P) 3.30 The Family Recipe (P) 5.15 Flint Mariner 101 (2009) 5.50 S News at 5.30 Neighbours (P) 6.00 Home and Away (P) 6.25 On Top 7.30 S News at 7 7.50 Fifth Gear (P) News Update 8.00 Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads (S News at 8.30) Big Brother: Live Eviction 10.30 Tenth Ecodance Billion \$ Billions (P) 11.00 Brother's Star 11.30 Soles SuperCoping 1.05 Motorola Miami (P) 2.30 Film Diet (P) 3.55 Doctor Strange (P) 5.00 House Dealer (P)

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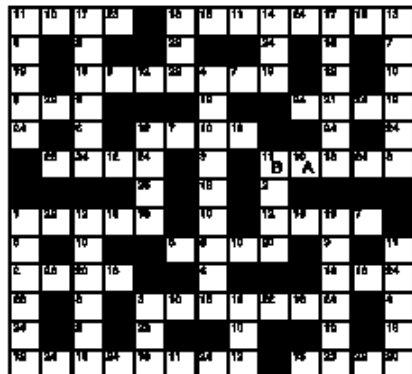


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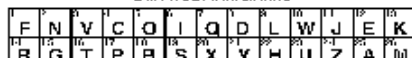
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

7. They shouldn't be drunk, for example, when doctors are around (5)
8. Modified a date paid, perhaps (7)
9. Chances, made by police (7)
10. Sally followed a direction to aim (5)
12. A spring located in a good position (4,6)
15. A battle in the last war (10)
18. After a tonic, people may sing it (3,2)
19. Ban site in a more disagreeable way (7)
21. Does it look sharper on empty decanter? (7)
22. A match for a god (5)

## Down

1. People of an earlier age roughly drawn (10)
2. Increases the rank? (5)
3. Makes second hand (4)
4. Its prepared to hang (5)
5. Change to a lower action in Europe (8)
6. Trusty steed (7)
11. Precise man in the street (10)
13. His work as an artist is deeply impressive (8)
14. His tortoise takes? (7)
16. Skip of Oudine origin (6)
17. It's a catch out (5)
20. Keep a broken vase (4)

## Quick Clues:

## Across

7. Sound (5)
8. Slaughter (7)
9. Ours (7)
10. Punitive (5)
12. Inevity (10)
15. Priceless (10)
18. Prongs (5)
19. Prop (7)
21. Infer (7)
22. Worth (5)

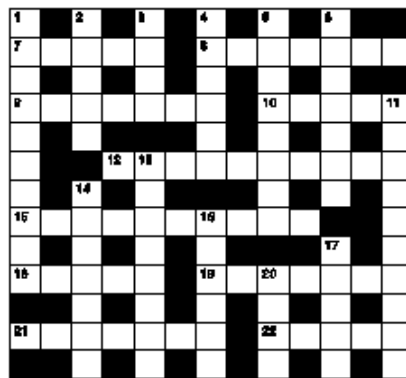
## Down

1. Opponent (10)
2. Nimble (5)
3. Carry (4)
4. Of station (6)
5. Suggestion (8)
6. Artist (7)
11. Printed matter (10)
13. False (8)
14. Gasp (7)
16. Away (6)
17. Robust (5)
20. Scheme (4)



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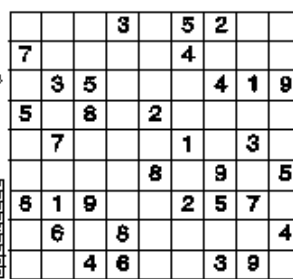
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CRYPTIC: Across: 1 Red-headed, 8 Laid, 9 Garden fence, 11 Oynwark, 12 Time, 13 Skye, 15 Adrenal, 17 Canal, 18 Dancer, 20 Royal battle, 22 Too, 23 Ravioli. Down: 2 Sals, 3 Absorb, 4 Oubert, 5 Darned, 6 Clean brush, 7 Lip reader, 10 Penetration, 11 Oynwark, 14 All over, 15 Sals, 16 Sals, 21 Laid, 22 Skye, 23 Ravioli. QUICK: Across: 1 Ravioli, 5 Pen, 6 Penetration, 11 Ravioli, 12 Sals, 13 Skye, 15 Adrenal, 17 Canal, 18 Dancer, 20 Royal battle, 22 Too, 23 Ravioli. Down: 2 Sals, 3 Absorb, 4 Oubert, 5 Darned, 6 Clean brush, 7 Lip reader, 10 Penetration, 11 Oynwark, 14 All over, 15 Sals, 16 Sals, 21 Laid, 22 Skye, 23 Ravioli.

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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## Circagram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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## Regency place proving to be a great success

When Regency Place, the latest development from quality Midland Builders Kendrick Homes went on sale in Kingswinford a month ago, the selling agents Lee Shaw could have been forgiven for their cautious approach.

With all the worrying news around lately - from Europe and elsewhere - this might not have seemed like the ideal moment to launch six upscale new four bedroom homes onto the market. But in these troubled times, Regency Place is a pleasing success

story. After just four weeks, four of the six homes are already sold.

"With Kendrick Homes I'm always confident that we'll get the sales," says Peter Davenport, principal of Lee Shaw.

"But in the current climate, I wasn't expecting that things would move this quickly. I should have known better."

### Quality

"With so few really high quality new homes available, Regency Place was bound to create a lot of interest."

"I know that it's a cliché, but there's no denying that quality counts."

Taking a good look at the layouts and the specification there's also no

denying that Kendrick have come up trumps again.

With their usual painstaking planning and attention to detail, they have created an enticing enclave just off Barnett Lane in which each of the six homes are unique, with each carefully designed to make best possible use of their location.

It's good to have some good news for a change.

There is a sales office open at Regency Place between 11am and 5pm, Thursday through Monday.

Telephone: 01384 287622 or 07896 886448

Regency Place is situated in Barnett Lane, Kingswinford.



After just four weeks on sale there are now just two remaining homes available at Regency Place, Barnett Lane

## Scheme to help homebuyers

ANYONE looking to take their first step on the housing ladder in Worcestershire may now only need a five per cent cash deposit thanks to a new scheme which enables customers to borrow up to 15 per cent of the cost of the property up front.

Raising a large enough deposit is often the biggest barrier to buying a place of your own as many banks currently ask buyers to put down a deposit of 20 per cent.

But help is now at hand for anyone with a good income but a low deposit who is looking to buy a new home from Barratt West Midlands - they can apply for an unsecured personal loan of up to £50,000 from Hitachi Capital.

Hitachi Capital has teamed up with Aldermore Bank, a specialist lender, who will offer a market leading 80 per cent mortgage. Under the scheme, a typical buyer would only need to raise a deposit of five per cent of the total price of the property. Hitachi Capital can then arrange a fixed rate unsecured loan of up to 15 per cent of the purchase price to make up the balance

of the required deposit. Stephen Cleveley, senior sales manager at Barratt West Midlands, said: "We know that there is enormous demand for home ownership amongst local people who have good incomes but are currently stuck in rented accommodation. This new offer is tailored to suit their needs. It is an inexpensive way to borrow the deposit required to buy a home."

### Market

Gerald Grimes, divisional managing director at Hitachi Capital, said: "Would be homebuyers have become disheartened with the current housing market because of the large deposits demanded by a lot of lenders. Last year we teamed up with Barratt West Midlands to offer parents the opportunity to help their children onto the ladder, this year we are opening up this innovative new product to the buyers directly."

Charles Haresnape, managing director of Mortgages at Aldermore Bank, said: "There are thousands of

perfectly creditworthy borrowers who are unable to get a foot on the first rung of the housing ladder because of the difficulties of raising a deposit. This new scheme addresses that issue head-on."

To be eligible to apply for the loans, applicants must be UK residents, aged over 21 and have both a good credit rating and sufficient income to service both the deposit loan and mortgage repayments. The offer is available to all buyers, not just those buying for the first time.

For more information, please contact the sales office. Alternatively, please call the sales hotline on 0844 811 9933 open seven days a week from 8am to 9pm or log on to [www.barratthomes.co.uk](http://www.barratthomes.co.uk). Barratt West Midlands has been confirmed as meriting the maximum five star official rating from the Home Builders Federation (HBF) for the second year in a row. The news was announced after more than 20,000 new home buyers across the country took part in this year's HBF customer satisfaction survey.

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On the market for offers around £149,995, the property has three bedrooms, an enlarged lounge and a garage that is approximately 22 ft long among its features.

It is, therefore, no surprise that the selling agent strongly recommends an

internal inspection of this well-presented home. In brief the property has a reception hall with laminate style floor and lounge with Adams-style fireplace with flame-effect gas fire. Coved ceiling, UPVC double glazed window and radiator.

An extended open plan kitchen/dining room comprises of a large dining area and an adjoining kitchen equipped with a range of light oak base units and wall cupboards and chimney-style extractor hood.

On the first floor, a galleried landing has an airing cupboard off and access to the boarded loft area with electric light. Bedroom one has fitted

wardrobes, as does the second and third. A tiled bathroom has a suite comprising panelled bath with shower unit over, wash basin with vanity unit surround and low-flush WC. There is also a heated towel rail.

Outside there is a garage with up-and-over door and a front garden with parking and two security lights.

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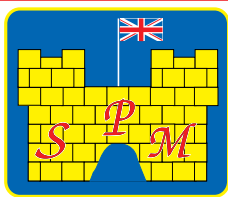
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**NEW**

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101 LANGSTONE ROAD £90,000

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● Bathroom, en-suite, garage  
● Large drive, rear garden adjoining fields  
● Central heating & double glazing



106 BROMLEY LANE £164,950

**KINGSWINFORD**  
● 3 bedroom link detached property  
● Cloakroom, "L" shaped lounge/dining area  
● Kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom  
● Block paved driveway, car port, garage  
● Central heating, double glazing



80 ENVILE ROAD £152,500

**WALL HEATH**  
● THE EDGE OF GREEN BELT COUNTRYSIDE  
● A 4 bedroom mid terraced house  
● Lounge, dining room, cloakroom  
● Re-fitted kitchen, shower room  
● Block paved driveway, car port, garage  
● Central heating & double glazing (wh. stated)  
● Newly fitted carpets and blinds



42 LUTLEY DRIVE £149,950

**PEDMORE**  
● 3 bedroom mid terraced property  
● 3 story, 3 bedroom mid terraced house  
● Popular estate close to rail links/M5 access  
● Close to Stourbridge, good schools nearby  
● Lounge, dining kitchen, bathroom, garage  
● D. glazing to windows/doors & c. heating



19 BARNETT STREET £145,000

**WORDSLEY**  
● Modernised 2 bedroom terraced house  
● Lounge, dining room  
● Re-fitted kitchen, utility area  
● Bathroom, 100ft rear garden  
● Central heating & double glazing



5 GRIFFIN STREET £142,500

**NETHERTON**  
● 2 bedroom semi detached on a wide plot  
● Development potential - sub to planning  
● Verandah, 3 reception rooms  
● Kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garage  
● Large driveway, good size rear garden



79 BOOTH CLOSE, KINGSWINFORD £137,500

● Extended 3 bedroom semi-detached house  
● Through lounge/dining area, dining kitchen  
● Playroom/study/bedroom 4, en-suite  
● Bathroom, driveway, private rear garden  
● Central heating & double glazing



141 BELLS LANE £124,950

**WORDSLEY**  
● A 3 bedroom semi-detached house  
● Cloakroom, lounge, dining kitchen  
● Re-fitted shower room  
● Garage, drive, front & rear gardens  
● Central heating & double glazing



109a BRYCE ROAD £120,000

**PENSNETT**  
● 3 bedroom semi with alarm  
● Parking at rear, lounge, cloakroom  
● Kitchen with integrated appliances  
● Bathroom, en-suite shower room  
● Central heating, double glazing



285 STOURBRIDGE ROAD £109,000

**HOLLY HALL**  
● Modernised 3 bedroom mid-terraced house  
● Through lounge/dining area, breakfast kitchen  
● Re-fitted bathroom, vehicular access at rear  
● Garage space sub to planning approval at rear  
● Rear garden, central heating & double glazing



30 LABURNUM RD £87,950

**KINGSWINFORD**  
● Modern one bedroom ground floor flat  
● Lounge, Kitchen  
● Bedroom, bathroom  
● Communal gardens, allocated parking  
● Part electric heating



173 FOXDALE DRIVE £395 PCM

**BRIERLEY HILL**  
● Improved ground floor 1 bedroom flat  
● Lounge, kitchen, double bedroom  
● Re-fitted bathroom + under floor heating  
● Upvc double glazing, allocated parking  
● Communal gardens

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**01384 395555****6 LOCAL OFFICES WORKING HARDER FOR BUYERS & SELLERS****NETHERTON****The Willows**

Prominently positioned in this cul de sac location, being situated on this well regarded development, is this Executive styled well proportioned, Modern 4 bedroom detached property, ideally suited to the larger family requirements, and is seen to comprise - reception hall, large lounge, guest cloak, dining room, breakfast kitchen, 4 bedrooms, master with dressing area, 2 en suites, family bathroom with jacuzzi, landscaped garden to rear, driveway and lawned area to front, off a private driveway, garage, burglar alarm, rarely available. **BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265**

**Offers around £234,995****COSELEY****The Paddock**

**NO UPWARD CHAIN. A SPACIOUS & SIGNIFICANTLY ENLARGED, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached family home in favoured cul de sac within reasonable distance of rail/bus routes. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, store, dining room with bay, lounge, breakfast kitchen, utility room, separate toilet. FOUR BEDROOMS, bathroom, garage, secluded level rear garden. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888****

**Offers in the region of £199,950****WOODSETTON****Dawlish Road**

An outstanding, exceptionally well presented, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached overlooking open space/woodland. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, pantry, dining room with bay, extended 17'4" lounge, sitting room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'Symphony Cream' finish wall & base units, numerous integrated appliances & granite work surfaces. Three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reapointed/refitted bathroom with shower, garage, extensive parking, garden **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

**Offers in the region of £189,950****DUDLEY****Snowhill Gardens**

An attractive, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached in favoured cul de sac upon well regarded development convenient for so many amenities. Delightful stylish accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge (with living flame feature gas fire), store, dining room with bay, inner vestibule, fitted cloakroom, kitchen with a fine range of units, integrated oven, hob & filter. Three bedrooms, (principal bedroom with wardrobes & reapointed shower room en suite), bathroom with white suite, garage, gardens. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

**Offers in the region of £185,000****KINGSWINFORD****139 Tunstall Road**

**A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, NOW EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME** enjoying an excellent cul-de-sac setting and offering an ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor w.c., spacious full width lounge, extended separate dining room, well appointed kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom with separate shower cubicle. Set back beyond a small front lawn, together with GOOD SIZED TARMAC DRIVEWAY with side approach to a GARAGE and enjoying an attractively laid out rear garden which benefits a secluded rear aspect. **KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777**

**Price: £152,500****KINGSWINFORD****33 Broad Street**

**A VERY DECEPTIVE AND BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED 'PERIOD' MID TERRACE HOME** which is superbly placed, close to the heart of Kingswinford, providing BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation, all WELL PROPORTIONED, comprising: attractive lounge, separate dining/second sitting room, luxury kitchen with integrated appliances, bathroom, cellar, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS, SUPERB ATTIC - all decorated & carpeted and with Velux windows, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is further complemented by a LONG REAR GARDEN including patio, lawn and vegetable patch - enjoying the afternoon sunshine. **KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777**

**Price: £134,950****DUDLEY****Old Park Road**

**NO UPWARD CHAIN. This traditional style, bay fronted, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached home** has been considerably improved/updated by current owner. The property is well worthy of internal inspection & briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, spacious through lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen, CONSERVATORY, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway & a pleasant rear garden. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

**Offers in the region of £122,950****KINGSWINFORD****199 Bromley Lane**

**An OUTSTANDING AND INCREDIBLY DECEPTIVE MID TOWNHOUSE**, close to excellent amenities, which provides a BEAUTIFULLY EXPENSIVELY RE-APPOINTED AND TASTEFULLY DECORATED layout of EXTREMELY SPACIOUS accommodation, comprising: entrance hall, full width lounge, spacious rear hall, luxury refitted dining kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE LARGE BEDROOMS, luxury refitted bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set beyond the attractive front garden and to the rear enjoying a low maintenance landscaped garden with decking and REAR DRIVE/PARKING. **KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777**

**Price: £107,500****SEDGLEY****Cotwall End Road**

An absolutely outstanding, significantly EXTENDED & particularly spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family residence in exemplary order throughout set in highly favoured neighbourhood. Accommodation provides imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, formal dining room with bay, elegant T-shape 18'5" lounge with double doors through to a uPVC double glazed conservatory, refitted breakfast kitchen & a utility room. Principal 16ft. bedroom with shower room en suite, three further bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite, brick 20'7" garage, extensive parking, superb lengthy/secluded rear garden. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

**Offers in the region of £379,950****KINGSWINFORD****£10,000 REDUCTION****'Kendal House' 2 Broadfield Close**

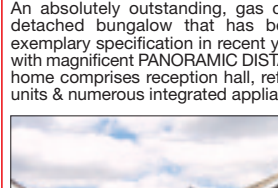
**A DISTINCTIVE AND HIGHLY INDIVIDUAL DETACHED TRADITIONAL FAMILY HOME** which is set back beyond the BROAD IN & OUT BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY offering a VERY WELL PLANNED AND SPACIOUS layout of BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND VERY WELL APPOINTED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: entrance porch, central reception hall, full depth lounge with feature fireplace, separate dining room with walk in bay, luxury fitted kitchen with built in appliances, rear hall, ground floor w.c., boiler/utility cupboard, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS (bedrooms one and two with wardrobes) and a large house bathroom with corner suite. LARGE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE, additional SIDE PARKING and to the rear enjoying EXTENSIVE BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT SECLUDED GARDENS. **KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777**

**Price: £304,950****SEDGLEY/WOODSETTON BORDER****Tipton Road**

**STAMP DUTY PAID - RARE OPPORTUNITY ! A significantly enlarged & extremely SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed FIVE BEDROOM detached family home** that has been 'transformed' in recent months to an exemplary standard. Excellently situated in extensive secluded grounds well away from the main Tipton Road (quiet lane approach), accommodation includes imposing 30'10" reception hall, magnificent 32ft. lounge/dining room, enlarged/refitted 19ft kitchen, three bedrooms, updated bathroom. To the first floor are two further double bedrooms (one with walk-in wardrobe) & stylish shower room. DOUBLE GARAGE block with workroom/store above, extensive block paved parking, gardens. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

**Offers in the region of £285,000****KINGSWINFORD****£10,000 REDUCTION****37 Buckingham Grove**

Beautifully set back beyond an island lawn within pristine 'Valley' fields - this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED NOW SPACIOUS DETACHED MODERN FAMILY RESIDENCE not only enjoys a delightful front outlook, but is complemented by BROAD REAR GARDENS with trees beyond, and now offers an impressive layout to include: hall with cloakroom, IMPRESSIVE 18 x 16.9 LOUNGE with garden views, separate dining room, LUXURY LIGHT OAK 15.6 FEATURE KITCHEN, separate fitted utility/laundry, THREE VERY GOOD BEDROOMS, FEATURE BATHROOM AND GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING AND CAVITY INSULATION. Foreground with excellent drive/parking, GARAGE and patio with extensive broad lawns and a most pleasant secluded setting. **KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777**

**Price: £239,950****SEDGLEY****Blakeney Close**

An absolutely outstanding, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow that has been comprehensively renovated to an exemplary specification in recent years enviably situated in short cul de sac with magnificent PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from the rear. This remarkable home comprises reception hall, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' units & numerous integrated appliances, stylish lounge with patio doors, two double bedrooms (both with a fine range of fitted units), reapointed shower room with contemporary white suite. Large garage with automated door (tiled floor incorporating utility section & separate cloakroom). First quality materials & workmanship throughout as a personal inspection will confirm. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £229,950

**SEDGLEY****Ashford Drive (Off Dudley Road)**

An ENLARGED, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached family residence presented in meticulous order throughout in quiet 'backwater' within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & associated amenities. Superb accommodation includes reception hall, fitted cloakroom, magnificent L-shape through living room, separate dining room, additional breakfast room & a refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'Old English Cream' effect units & various appliances. Four bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, ample parking, brick garage, delightful secluded rear garden. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

**Offers in the region of £219,950****WOODSETTON****Roper Way, 'The Poplars'**

An EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED detached in favoured district that has been significantly upgraded in recent years. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, spacious lounge, separate dining room with double doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, extended/refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances, lobby, fitted cloakroom. Three bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite, garage, neat gardens. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

**Offers in the region of £185,000****DUDLEY****NEW PRICE****East Street**

Standing in an elevated position, with far reaching views across the Black Country and beyond, is this traditionally styled, double glazed and gas centrally heated, successfully extended three bedroomed detached property being presented to a high standard, comprising: hall, lounge, extended comprehensively fitted kitchen, dining room, ground floor shower room, guest w.c., three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden area to rear and side, private parking with gated access, alarm, uPVC gutter and fascia, rare opportunity. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. **BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265**

**Offers Around £183,950****LOWER GORNAL****NEW PRICE****Ruiton Street**

Presented in exemplary order throughout, a modern, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow in short quiet cul de sac development. Outstanding accommodation includes reception hall, boiler cupboard & cloaks cupboard, two bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & many integrated appliances, elegant lounge & brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond, parking, neat secluded 'low maintenance' rear garden. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

**Offers in the region of £176,950****MILKING BANK AREA****NEW PRICE****Regency Court**

ENVIABLY SITUATED AND, arguably, one of the finest apartments in this elegant, recently constructed block, a particularly SPACIOUS, radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed top floor example with 180 DEGREE PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS and presented in exemplary order throughout. There is an 'entry phone' style system, communal areas with No. 9 having a 22ft reception hall (8'9" ceiling heights), elegant 22ft living/dining room with wide walk-in bay window, stunning 19ft dining kitchen with an extensive range of 'maple' effect units, breakfast bar and many integrated appliances. THREE BEDROOMS (one with shower room en suite & one with fitted units), principal bathroom. Extensive, gated well presented grounds with two allocated parking spaces. Personal inspection imperative for total appreciation. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

**Price: £174,950**



**BEARWOOD****HALESOWEN****SEDGLEY****129 Poplar Road****0121 434 4345****21 Hagley Road****0121 550 3978****2A Dudley Street****01902 880888****6 LOCAL OFFICES WORKING HARDER FOR BUYERS & SELLERS****Taylor's**[www.taylors-estateagents.co.uk](http://www.taylors-estateagents.co.uk)**SEDGLEY****Dudley Road**

A delightful, stylish, significantly upgraded & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached with many period features. Consistently maintained accommodation includes entrance vestibule, imposing reception hall, spacious L-shape transverse living/dining room (defined lounge & dining room sections), sitting room with bay, kitchen with an extensive range of cream finish units, 'conservatory'. Three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, lengthy 28'8" garage. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£174,950****WALL HEATH VILLAGE****£12,450 REDUCTION****17 Windmill Grove**

A SUBSTANTIAL TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME which enjoys a much sought after cul de sac location, close to the fringes of Wall Heath and is well placed for excellent schooling, providing a VERY SPACIOUS and EXTENDED layout of accommodation which requires some updating, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, extended lounge, separate dining room, spacious breakfast kitchen, THREE EXCELLENT SIZE BEDROOMS, bathroom and separate w.c. The property has front lawn, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE with utility area and w.c. and an enclosed level rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: **£172,500 - NO UPWARD CHAIN****PENSNETT****NEW PRICE****Corbyns Hall Lane**

This well presented and much improved, uPVC double glazed and gas centrally heated three bedroomed detached property offers versatile accommodation and is worthy of internal inspection, and is seen to comprise: hall, modern kitchen, guest wc, dining area, lounge, splendid conservatory addition, three first floor bedrooms, dolphin bathroom, garden to rear, block paved drive, alarm. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around **£169,950****KINGSWINFORD****NEW PRICE****32 Murdoch Drive**

This VERY DECEPTIVE, INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS and MOST ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED, MODERN THREE STOREY TOWNHOUSE is conveniently located within the highly sought after modern development, offering an EXTREMELY GENEROUS LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor w.c., very large lounge with ample dining space, attractively fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE EXCEPTIONAL SIZE BEDROOMS (master having an en-suite dressing area and shower room) and huge bathroom. Enjoying the use of an ALLOCATED OFF-ROAD PARKING SPACE located in front of the GARAGE, within a small private parking area, where gate access to the ATTRACTIVE LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN is also available. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: **£169,950****WOODSETTON****Vicarage Road West**

A stylish, significantly EXTENDED & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached family home. The superb accommodation includes: imposing reception hall, lounge with bay, store, study, extended 22'7" 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a fine range of units with integrated appliances & patio doors, utility room. To the first floor are two double & one single bedrooms, reapportioned shower room with a white suite, and there is a sizeable second floor loft conversion providing a double bedroom with a bathroom en suite. Professionally landscaped 'Japanese theme' gardens, block paved parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£168,950****NETHERTON****St Peters Road**

A delightfully improved and attractively presented link detached bungalow requiring internal inspection to be appreciated, refurbished having gas radiator heating, double glazing comprising: Porch, good size hall, lounge, good size re-fitted breakfast kitchen with space for table, integral oven, hob, fridge and dishwasher, fitted utility with integral freezer and washer, two good size bedrooms, attractive re-fitted bathroom with shaped bath and shower, small garage/store, lovely good size and laid out rear garden. HALESOWEN OFFICE 0121 550 3978

Offers in the region of **£167,950****GORNAL WOOD****Eaton Crescent**

RARE OPPORTUNITY! A comparatively spacious, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached envially located in favoured district where properties are so rarely made available. The meticulously maintained accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall, sitting room with bay, extended 15'6" lounge, extended 15ft. breakfast kitchen & a separate utility room. Three bedrooms (two with recently fitted 'tulipwood' units), tiled bathroom, garage, delightful secluded rear garden. Significant potential. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£165,000****SEDGLEY****Ashen Close, Northway**

A Freehold, conscientiously maintained, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated, detached bungalow excellently situated in relatively quiet cul-de-sac in favoured district. Accommodation includes: entrance hallway 19'8" living/dining room, inner hallway, breakfast kitchen, two double bedrooms (one with wardrobes), bathroom. Extensive parking, brick garage, secluded level rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£164,950****WORDSLEY****22 Ashdown Drive**

A VERY DECEPTIVE and MOST IMPRESSIVE MODERN DETACHED DORMER BUNGALOW which enjoys a highly sought after cul de sac position upon Rectoryfields - offering an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED and VERY WELL PRESENTED layout of accommodation, including CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, reception hall, large attractive lounge with feature fireplace, luxury refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, separate dining room/bedroom two, TWO/THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and shower room. The property is gently elevated back beyond the DRIVEWAY with INTEGRAL GARAGE and a BEAUTIFULLY ESTABLISHED and SECLUDED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: **£164,950****DUDLEY****Belrades Close, Milking Bank**

This beautifully presented, considerably improved/extended, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by present owners & is well worthy of internal inspection. The surprisingly spacious accommodation comprises entrance hall, stylish L-shape lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, study/utility, splendid CONSERVATORY addition, three good bedrooms, enlarged bathroom with white suite & separate shower cubicle, driveway providing off street parking & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£157,950****COSELEY****Denise Drive**

An attractive, comparatively spacious (extended), freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached envially situated in favoured cul de sac where homes are rarely available for sale. The conscientiously maintained accommodation (with further potential) provides entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room with bay, enlarged kitchen, vestibule & former disabled shower/wet room (10'1" x 5'11"). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, garage, delightful secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£155,000****KINGSWINFORD****1 Pinewood Walk**

A GOOD SIZED MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW which enjoys a delightful location, close to shops/amenities within sought after Blandford Mere, offering a DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS layout which requires some updating, including STORAGE HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Reception Hall, Large Lounge with dining area, Kitchen, TWO GOOD SIZE BEDROOMS and Bathroom. The bungalow is set beyond the front garden/ lawn, has an attractively laid out rear garden and GARAGE also situated to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: **£154,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN****SEDGLEY****Dingle View**

A rare opportunity in favoured location! A freehold, part uPVC double glazed semi detached with potential comprising entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, under stairs cloak, EXTENDED DINING ROOM, three bedrooms, bathroom, 'carport', level garden, good distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£149,950****COSELEY****Ivyhouse Lane**

A beautiful presented, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, traditional semi detached that has been comprehensively modernised/ improved & an internal inspection is vital to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, superb refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, splendid refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£134,950****WORDSLEY****36 Bracken Park Gardens**

Overlooking trees and lock gates of the enchanting canal-side to the fore, this ATTRACTIVE and SPACIOUS MODERN TOWN HOUSE enjoys an idyllic setting upon the fringe of this small popular development, ideal for Wordsley amenities and, RECENTLY RE-APPOINTED AND BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, offers hall, spacious lounge with contemporary fireplace, just refitted kitchen with breakfast/dining area, TWO EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS, feature bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING plus DOUBLE GLAZING. Foreground fronting canal-side grounds, near DOUBLE DRIVE/PARKING and most attractive secluded patio and lawned garden with afternoon sun. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: **£131,500****COSELEY****Catherine Road, Hurst Hill**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Envisably situated upon fine CORNER PLOT a Freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached providing reception hall, kitchen, living/dining room. Three bedrooms, bathroom, SEPARATE GARAGE. Delightful secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£124,950****UPPER GORNAL****Alderwood Rise**

A significantly ENHANCED, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated semi detached excellent situated at head of relatively quiet cul de sac in a convenient district. The well presented accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge with 'living flame' gas fire, transverse dining kitchen (with upgraded units) & under stairs pantry. THREE BEDROOMS, reapportioned bathroom with white suite, potential garage space (subject to regulations) with double wrought iron gates & a secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£114,950****COSELEY****Fullwoods End**

A conscientiously maintained, primarily uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached in well regarded convenient neighbourhood with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Comparatively spacious accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, separate dining room, kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms, bathroom. Outer lobby, store & separate toilet, secluded rear garden & potential garage space (not verified - subject to regulations). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: **£109,950****LOWER GORNAL****Brook Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A comparatively SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated traditional intermediate terrace of character excellently situated within walking distance of the village. Stylish well presented accommodation includes superb 20'4" lounge, large transverse dining kitchen with an extensive range of 'first quality' units & a verandah beyond. Two generous double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£108,500****LOWER GORNAL****Bank Road**

A delightful, most attractive & conveniently situated, traditional, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed terraced 'starter home' within walking distance of the village & all amenities. Significantly enhanced accommodation includes sitting room with 'oak strip' floor, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'high gloss white' effect units & integrated appliances, useful cellar, two bedrooms, reapportioned bathroom with white suite. Expertly tended, sheltered rear garden with a wide range of shrubs & plants. Internal inspection vital for total appreciation. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£105,950****KINGSWINFORD****£5,000 REDUCTION****406 Lapwood Avenue**

Very well placed upon the very popular and highly sought after Lapwood Park development close to local shops available within Lapwood Avenue itself, together with Bromley Lane, this MODERN END TOWNHOUSE offers a VERY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, including UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, STORAGE HEATING and comprising: reception hall, lounge, fitted dining kitchen with built-in appliances, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS and bathroom with light colour suite. Set back beyond the DRIVEWAY which provides off-road parking and enjoying a pleasant patio / lawn rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: **£104,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN****DUDLEY****NEW PRICE****Dibdale Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A comparatively spacious, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED intermediate semi detached of character with potential. A number of period features remain, and the accommodation includes: glazed porch, imposing reception hall, walk in store, lounge with bay, separate dining room, kitchen, outer store. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Off road parking (kerb dropped), and lengthy secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£97,500****COSELEY****Havacre Lane**

A uPVC double glazed, Freehold, semi detached 'starter home' excellently situated within the highly sought after transport routes together with Roseville village shopping centre, and comprising: entrance hallway, lounge, upgraded dining kitchen with 'high gloss white' finish units, store, two bedrooms (principal bedroom with built in wardrobes), upgraded bathroom with white suite. Double gates to secure parking (potential garage space, subject to regulations), neat rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£94,950****COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Ebenezer Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A significantly MODERNISED & enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED intermediate terrace in a convenient/established district. Stylish accommodation includes lounge, dining room, upgraded kitchen. To the first floor are double & single bedrooms together with reapportioned bathroom with white/shower, 'low maintenance' (decking) garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£89,950****BRIERLEY HILL****Hawbush Road**

This Gas centrally heated, traditional styled 2 bedroomed end town house is ideally suited to the first time buyer or investor and stands in this established residential location. Comprising, inner hall, lounge, kitchen diner, 2 first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, garden to rear. Realistic price. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around **£84,950**



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## Journalists head for hills in sporty new Astra GTCs

THE UK's oldest surviving car manufacturer Vauxhall chose two Midlands speed hill climb venues to launch its new Astra GTC to the nation's journalists this week.

First in line to host the event was Hagley Car Club at Loton Park, near Shrewsbury, one of the longest tracks in the country.

Drivers were taken up the twisting course by experienced local instructors,

who themselves regularly compete at the venue. Each journalist was then given one practice run and one competitive timed run to put the new car through its paces.

MSA Clerk of the Course, Jim Gaze, commented: "We don't really expect any problems, but Vauxhall have brought a couple of extra cars just in case anybody gets too enthusiastic."

"This course is rated as being one of the most demanding tracks in the country and we are sure that the journalists will have a

great opportunity to enjoy themselves and also to judge the performance of the cars at first hand."

The second venue for the launch was historic Shelsley Walsh, where original Vauxhalls competed in the early 1900s, and once again the drivers pitted themselves against the clock in the latest company offerings.

The new Astra GTC starts at just over £18,000 rising to over £22,000 depending on specification.



Journalists were given a practice run and a timed round at Loton Park



From left, club instructor Tim Cross, of Claverley, clerk of the course Jim Gaze of Bridgnorth and course marshal John Mould, from Stourbridge, with vehicle dynamics manager Gerry Baker and GTC product manager Douglas McCollm, of Vauxhall

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Tony Whitehorn, Hyundai Motor UK managing director, said: "Hyundai is

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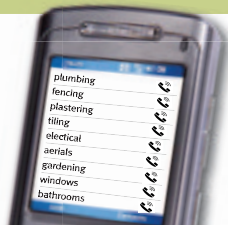
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# Weekend of mixed fortunes for the boys and girls of the Hawks

## Girls League

**Trysull 1 Halas Hawks 1**  
The U12 North drew 1-1 with Trysull, their goal coming from Chelsea Tagoe.

**Withymoor Colts 2 Halas Hawks 0**  
A great first half performance from the U16 girls saw them take the game to the top of the table, Withymoor, going very close on several occasions but failing to find the back of the net.

The second half was a more even affair and saw Withymoor earn themselves a 2-0 win. Player of the match was Rebecca Ingram.

## Boys League

**Halas Hawks West 2 Penn Colts West 3**  
The U9s West took a deserved lead in this game through man of the match, Calum Steatham but with a weakened side, they couldn't hold on to the lead and went down 3-2. Their second goal came from Anthony Andreou.

**Halas Hawks East 6 Hasbury 3**  
A poor start saw the U9s East trailing 2-1 at half time and heading for defeat against a lively Hasbury side. An early second half goal saw Hasbury go into a deserved 3-1 lead and

coasting to a win, but this seemed to kick start a Halas revival and with everything to do the lads dug deep to score five stunning late goals to win 6-3. Goals came from Jack Whitehouse (2), Jack Plant (2), Tommy Swancott and Harry Beasley.

**Halas Hawks East 1 Wordsley North 4**  
The U10s East's unbeaten start to the season came to an abrupt end with their worst performance of the season. Halas started brightly but ended up two down before pulling one back before half time from Louie Jones. The second half performance

saw no improvement and Wordsley ran out worthy 4-1 winners. The man of the match award went to Oliver Miller for his tireless hard work up front.

**Withymoor Colts 3 Halas Hawks 2**  
The U12s lost to Withymoor Colts 3-2 with their goals coming from Nick Bennett and Adam Bowen.

**Halesowen Town Colts 0 Halas Hawks 2**  
The U14s took on top of the table Halesowen Town Colts and played some great football coming close to scoring a couple of times in the first half. The second half saw the same

level of play from both teams before Halas broke the deadlock with a great goal by Liam Holmes.

Halas continued to keep up the pressure and made it 2-0 through a clinical finish from Adam Higginson to mark his first goal for the club. Man of the match was midfielder Jack Bagley.

**Halas Hawks 1 Sedgley Scorpions 0**  
The U17s game against Sedgley Scorpions was a scrappy game for both sides, but the stalemate was broken by a deserved second half winner from Joe Powell.

## Bounce back for Old Hales on the road

**Coventry City & University 1 OHHC 1st XI 4**  
Old Halesonians 1st XI bounced from last week's defeat with a 4-1 victory over new side Coventry City & University.

Hales learned quickly from their recent loss and played some excellent hockey on their visit to Coventry.

Captain Doug Houghton opened the scoring early in the game, when he slapped the ball into the goal from a precision cross from Harry Hughes.

Old Halesonians domination of the game continued with some great passages of play which soon paid off with the awarding of a penalty corner.

The hours of practice finally paid off for Hales, with Paul Woodall deflecting the ball into the goal past the helpless Coventry defence.

Houghton turned provider for the third goal as Hales continued to tear the Coventry defence apart.

Houghton found Graham Knight in the D, who had plenty of room to compose himself and flick the ball over the diving Coventry keeper who had no chance.

Man of the match Tom Bulteel came close after a great passing move, but he could only find the side netting. Old Hales had found their rhythm and it seemed only a matter of time before their fourth goal came.

Another well executed passing move, ended with Bulteel squaring the ball to Harry Hughes, who had no trouble tapping the ball into an empty net.

At 4-0, Hales were cruising but were unable to extend their lead. Coventry grabbed a consolation goal when their attacker was first to react following a penalty corner save from GK James Jones.

**OHHC 1st XI 5 North Notts 0**  
Old Halesonians bagged their second win of the weekend when they beat North Notts 5-0 in Round 2 of the England Hockey Trophy. Hales lost to North Notts in the competition last year, however they were to repay the punishment to their East Midlands counterparts.

Man of the match Chris Wattleley opened the scoring as he latched onto a pass from Tom Bulteel to chip the ball over the keeper. Hales continued to dominate the fixture and doubled their lead before half time when Tom Durnford found Bulteel at the back post.

In the second half, Bulteel scored his second of the game when he found himself with an open goal.

Bulteel powered the ball into the top corner with pure conviction. Hales knew they had the victory in the bag, and their relaxed passing style was ripping apart the North Notts defence.

Paul Woodall put his name on the score sheet after he drag-flicked the ball low past the Notts GK following a short corner, to make it 4-0. Graham Knight made it five with a cheeky finish.

**OHHC 2nds 3 Shrewsbury 3**  
Hales found themselves two down early on. However, once they found their slick, comfortable free flowing game, they manage to pull one back through Marc Hericks.

However, another error led to Shrews doubling their lead again. The introduction of the lively Tom Bolton though added another attacking edge to Hales and Nathan Kelly pulled one back before the break.

The second period saw Hales dominate for long periods without much luck in terms of shots, but Adam Hill's reverse hit 15 minutes from time somehow found its way through the Shrew's keeper and gave Hales a much deserved point.

**OHHC 3rds 10 Stone 0**  
The OHHC 3rds began their home form where they left off last season with a 10-0 victory, this time against newly promoted Stone.

It was a game that saw Old Hales currently attacking for 70 minutes in a display where they moved the ball around well, constantly recycling the ball and using their superior ability and fitness to its full degree.

The side still without several key players took the lead in the opening minutes and from then took complete control. But the team should not forget they have been there before – last season they won the first three games, so the squad needs to look to the next game and push ahead. Goals came from Damian Shackleton (3), Nic Penn (3) Steve Butler (2), Deck Glaze and Dan Millichap.

**Stourport 5 OHHC 4ths 1**  
Old Halesonians 4ths suffered a 5-1 defeat against local rivals Stourport. Hales never got off the starting blocks and struggled against a well organised and drilled Stourport side.

**Old Silhillians 2 OHHC 5ths 0**  
Despite having the majority of possession, Old Halesonians struggled to turn chances into goals. Old Silhillians took their chances well, and Hales were unable to get back into the game.

**OHHC Ladies 2 Worcester 0**  
Old Halesonians Ladies beat Worcester 2-0 after a great performance. The whole team gelled well together and were able to punish the Worcester side, to take away 3 points.

# Glassboys battle to make Trophy progress

## STOURBRIDGE 2 REDDITCH UNITED 1

**F A Carlsberg Trophy 1st Qualifying Round**  
The Glassboys squeezed through to the next round of the F A Trophy as they overcame fellow Evo-stik League Southern Premier side Redditch United, but they once again had to do it the hard way as they battled back from a goal behind to run out narrow winners.

Following a scrappy opening spell, the hosts had a let-off after eight minutes when Sean Geddes was dispossessed just outside the Glassboys penalty box and the ball was worked across to Lee Osborne who fired over from 18 yards.



Matt Martin

Play then quickly switched to the other end where Aaron Drake exchanged passes with Rowe on the right-hand side of the box before driving in an angled shot that was parried away by Coleman.

With 28 minutes gone, Redditch opened the scoring. The home side were caught short at the back as a flick from Jermaine Hylton sent Connor Deards away through the left channel and he took on and beat Paul McCone before sliding a shot past Solly.

Stourbridge looked for an immediate response and Geddes rolled a quickly taken free-kick into the path of Rowe who struck a long ranged effort that Coleman was equal to.

The home side were having a lot of possession but were struggling to prize open a Redditch side content to get men behind the ball when they could. Ten minutes before the interval a flick from Rowe broke to Aaron Drake on the left-hand side of the area, however he screwed his shot off target, but just when it looked like the visitors would hold the lead at the break, the Glassboys got back on level terms in the last minute of the half.

They won a corner and the left-wing flag-kick from Geddes was powered home by the head of Sam Smith in the middle.

## Grabbed

Stourbridge held the upper hand following the restart and they grabbed the lead on 55 minutes after capitalising on a defensive lapse. Rowe was able to thread the ball into the path of Ben Billingham breaking into the right-hand side of the box and Coleman was unable to keep out his low shot.

The hosts threatened again three minutes later with Geddes finding Drake who cut in from the right before flashing a shot wide of the far post. Redditch hit back with Warner picking out Jones with a diagonal ball and he whipped in a cross from the right into the near post where Osborne headed wide.

Sam Rack had the chance to add another goal on 66 minutes after a loose defensive header dropped to his feet, but he blazed over from the edge of the box. Six minutes later a misused header from Tesfa Robinson let in Rowe whose low snap-shot was held by Coleman and soon afterwards Rock and Broadhurst combined before the ball was pulled back to Billingham, but his shot was also saved by Coleman.

Redditch tried to find an equaliser, but the closest they came was when a corner was not cleared and Alex Hickman almost scrambled home before Solly was able to pounce on the loose ball. In stoppage time Billingham produced a strong run and then slipped the ball inside to John Griffin whose shot was blocked by the legs of Coleman.

The Glassboys have a huge match on Saturday (29th October). Gary Hackett's men are one victory away from emulating their F A Cup run of two years ago when they reached the First Round proper. In the FA Cup with Budweiser 4th Qualifying Round, Stourbridge are at home to Walsall-based side Rushall Olympic who play in the Evo-stik Northern Premier League (kick-off 3pm).

The visitors will be attempting to reach the 1st Round proper for the first time. Admission is £9 adults, £5 for senior citizens and students, £4 children. School children aged 11 and under and accompanying a paying adult will gain free admission. The match will also be covered by Radio WM who will provide updates from the game.

## Game abandoned as team fields four illegal players



From the Stourbridge Under-14s Girls League, Hasbury Rangers

**Stourbridge U14 girls Hasbury 3 Bustleholme 0**

Hasbury at home with new signing Sian Berry making her debut started the brightest with Ellis Hall and Becky Hurley in midfield.

Bustleholme were on the back foot and with Hasbury's quick movement, it wasn't long before the first goal arrived with great wing play by Levi Cheadle, who delivered for Meg Harrison to score from close range.

Again from the kick off

Hasbury piled forward and again opened up Bustleholme's defence with some lovely football.

Hasbury's pressure resulted in corner after corner and from one saw a shot from Becky Hurley just go wide.

But from the goal kick Hasbury pounced and for Ellis Hall to strike home into the bottom right hand corner for 2-0.

Hasbury's defence were solid with Bustleholme creating very little and with Sian Berry on the

left wing, linked up with Ellis Hall to cross into the box and caused Bustleholme's defence to panic and the ball fell to Levi Cheadle on the right post to smash in from close range for 3-0 at Half Time.

Then controversy with the Stourbridge League Officials in attendance who called Bustleholme's team to one side to discover that there were four illegal players in their squad.

After further developments it was decided to abandon the game.

## Heathens hero Newman at the presentation party

HEATHENS hero Kyle Newman has confirmed his appearance at the club's end of season presentation party next week.

Said Newman: "I've really enjoyed my time with Dudley and the fans are amazing. I was taught the 'Ommer Um' phrase pretty quickly! The level of support is amazing and I'm really pleased I agreed to sign for them because I wasn't sure about National League at first."

Meanwhile Heathens fans have a great opportunity to get their hands on rare items at the event. An auction will take place during the interval and a 2011 Heathens racejacket, signed by the squad, will be one of the items. Kyle Newman's racejacket front which was cut off after his crash at the Isle of Wight has been signed and framed and will also be up for grabs along with two signed Greg Hancock pictures showing his world title celebrations.

The event sold out within 10 days of tickets going on sale in the summer and Heathens and Wolves presenter Ian 'Porky' Jones will present the evening.

Voting for the club's rider of the year closes at midnight on Monday, October 31 via the club website [www.dudleyheathens.co.uk](http://www.dudleyheathens.co.uk)

Chairman Pearson and boss Will Pottinger will be taking questions from fans at Cradley Heath Liberal Club on Friday, November 25, at the winter talk-in when supporters can have an input into team selection for 2012 as well as asking questions on any other aspects of the club. Admission is £2 on the door.

## Morris hat-trick seals a great win

### Kingswinford 8 1 Barlaston 1

Table leaders Kingswinford were set for a 2pm push back against bottom side Barlaston last Saturday, but due to traffic jams on the M6, the majority of the team only just arrived at 2. Given 15 minutes to prepare, the Kford 11 took to the field against a much younger Barlaston side.

Although Kings maintained most of the possession, the score was not broken until 10 minutes in when the 'Brown Brothers' arrived and Billy Jawanda put the ball into the back of the net. Minutes later, Kam Maan arrived to see a complacent Kingswinford beaten on the break by the young Barlaston forward.

For the rest of the half Kford seemed to lack vision and were not showing their full potential. Many chances were not taken, but fortunately Colin Morris and 'Super Striker' Surjit Takar made it 3-1 before the break.

Kings stepped up their game in the second half and soon enough 'cool-head' Ed Parkes used his reverse stick to put away a rebound off the keeper.

With around 15 minutes to go Kingswinford started to play 'real' hockey. Crisp passing and fine movement off the ball meant that Colin Morris could make it 4-1. Kford kept up the pace and Billy Jawanda used his remarkable stick skills to beat the Barlaston defence and fire the ball into the backboard. Chris Brown then added his name to the scoresheet and furthered Kings lead to 6-1.

With 10 minutes to go, 'Colin Morris' clever positioning enabled him to score twice to complete his hat-trick. The final whistle blew and the game ended 8-1.

Captain Adam Pritchard said "Although we won, this was not our best performance, but I am happy with the result." Man of the match was Colin Morris.

## Injuries take toll on Kidder

### BARROW 3 KIDDERMINSTER 1

"The sooner we get one or two back, the better", was the verdict of disappointed Harriers manager Steve Burr following his side's 3-1 defeat at Barrow.

The result dropped Kidderminster to 12th in the Blue Square Bet Premier table in a month where injuries, illness and suspension have ravaged the squad.

Harriers spurned two good opportunities through Nick Wright and Jamille Matt in an exciting opening.

On 19 minutes Micky Demetriou was caught in possession and Cook played a ball forward into the path of Adam Boyes who was not put under pressure and his curling right-foot shot from the edge of the box dipped under the diving Lyness.

Harriers hardly had time to recover when Jack Mackreth went past Demetriou to deliver a centre onto the head of Andy Cook to double the lead on 21 minutes.

Then Harriers defence capitulated barely 60 seconds later. Paul Smith's cross was heading to the far edge of the penalty area, Lyness sprinted from his goal but failed to gather – the ball ran loose to Dominik Rowe who switched the ball onto his right foot before curling an effort into the top left hand corner of the net.

Harriers were given a lifeline 10 minutes before the break when Matt robbed Mike Pearson and beat Danny Hurst inside his near post. Barrow were given a penalty on 42 minutes, Boyes flick striking the hand of Michael Briscoe standing barely a yard from the home forward, but Lyness dived to his left to keep out Richie Baker's weak spot-kick.

Barrow seemed content to defend their advantage in the second period as Harriers pressed without any reward.

**Barrow:** Hurst, Smith, Pearson, Quinn, O'Brien, O'Leary, Owen, Baker, Rowe (Rutherford 75), Boyes, Cook (Almond 86). Subs not used: Clavin, Griffiths, Fennell.

**Harriers:** Lyness, Sharpe, Demetriou, Marshall, Briscoe (Cresswell 5), Vincent, Gilpin, Medley (Williams Marc 57), Wright, Matt (Guinan 69). Subs not used: Phelan, Thompson-Brown.



# sport

## Stalwart Reg is handed honour

A founding member of a Black Country hockey club has been honoured at a special ceremony.

Reg Rogers of Old Halesonians Hockey Club, was presented with the Sporting Champion Award by John Millar of Dudley Council at the ceremony.

Reg was given the prestigious award for his prolonged service to the club.

Mr Rogers was a founding member of the club which was established in 1963.

He has volunteered at every role within the club and is currently the Club Treasury. He also acts as the League Secretary for the Worcestershire Area.

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Hockey stalwart Reg Rogers has been honoured

# ROBINS ARE HIT BY A LATE EQUALISER

## Dozen does it in record breaking night game

### DUDLEY TOWN 1 SPORTING KHALSA 1

West Midlands (Regional)  
League Premier Division

Dudley Town's inability to keep clean sheets cost them two points as a late equaliser from Leo Brown gave Sporting Khalsa a share of the spoils in a tightly-contested fixture at The Dell.

Following the previous Wednesday night's emphatic 12-3 victory over Wolverhampton United Andy Burgess decided to stick with five goal hero Rion Francis-Mills in his starting 11 along with attacking option Nikki Faux.

The duo being the only changes from last Saturday's 3-3 away draw at Malvern Town. Sporting Khalsa had the better of the opening exchanges with their midfield lynchpin Marcus Jackson playing a pivotal role in his side's early aggression. Indeed they should have taken the lead less than five minutes into the contest but striker Nicky Campbell could only shoot tamely at Luke Cunningham.

Despite being on the back foot for the opening few minutes Dudley drew themselves more into the game. The dangerous Francis-Mills setting up Anthony Cox who sailed a shot into the waiting hands of Khalsa keeper Tom Turner.

The best chance of the early play fell to the visitors and they must surely be scratching their heads as to how the ball stayed out of the net. Dangerous striker Leo Brown launched a shot that was excellently plucked on to the post by Cunningham leading to a melee in the six-yard box that was somehow cleared off the line and hacked away by Steve Edmunds.

### Easiest

Just two minutes before the half-hour mark Dudley went ahead. A cross from Cox was headed across goal by Ben Stretton leaving Francis-Mills the easiest of headers to put his side a goal up.

Both sides had chances before Phil Hardisty brought the half to a close although the best fell to Brown of Khalsa who slapped a shot just inches wide of Cunningham's post.

In the early stages of the second period it seemed the hosts would eventually stretch their lead to two goals. It wasn't to be, although both Francis-Mills and substitute Dreniz Bala both came close.

As the game drew to its close Khalsa threatened more and more. They had a great chance on 75 minutes although some great back-to-the-walls defending from Rob Whitley, Ross Love, Edmunds and Richard Langford prevented either Brown or former Dudley Town striker Nicky Turton from putting any shot on goal.

It was somewhat a shame for Dudley, who have not kept a clean sheet since April 2 when Leo Brown snatched an 88th minute equaliser after cutting in from the right wing and sneaking the ball past Cunningham.

### Smother

Despite the setback Dudley continued to defend well and Cunningham had to be on his best form to smother a ball that was about to be fired by Turton.

The hosts though could still have made a dramatic finish as Stretton was unlucky not to snatch a deserved goal with two stoppage time efforts that whistled over the crossbar.

Dudley remain unbeaten in their last three league outings as they continue to push for a top six finish, although they will be ruing a late equaliser after defending so solidly for all but two minutes of the game.

But, they can have a break from league action on Tuesday as they visit Midland Combination outfit Bartley Green in the Birmingham Floodlit Cup before a trip to lowly Buxton in the WMPFL next Saturday.

## DK are in seventh win heaven



DK's Powerhouse prop Stefan Thorp driving through

Dudley Kingswinford 48  
Longton 6

This was another excellent performance from DK and they duly recorded their seventh consecutive win.

With the strong breeze behind them in the first half they raced into a five try 33-6 lead whilst in the second period, against the elements, they defended superbly for 20 minutes before delivering the sucker punch with a couple more tries.

The only downsides of the game for DK were injuries to Pete Knight (ribs) and Stefan Thorp (gashed head). The match referee was Claire Hodnett.

The win was orchestrated by DK's Jon Higgins returning to the fly-half berth after a knee injury.

Higgins flawless passing and superb handling earned him the DK Supporters Man of the Match.

Simon Fletcher reverted to full back after standing in for Higgins and also had a fine game.

His five conversions from seven kicks was a high on marvellous in the blustery conditions.

Matt Farrington was back on the left wing and notched up another couple of tries, he is now on 12 for the season.

Stefan Shillingford also weighed in with a couple of tries. Jordan Brookes was involved in almost every move and gave Higgins fine service throughout.

Stefan Thorp was the pick of the forwards. He had to move over to the loose head with Dan Shakespeare in at tight head as Al Francis was unavailable due to illness.

DK went 0-3 down after four minutes when they gave away a penalty under the posts after comfortably winning the opening scrum. DK then attacked strongly and a couple of chances went begging, knocking on twice on the Longton goal line before Dan Shakespeare was driven over from a lineout near the line.

Simon Fletcher added the conversion for DK to lead 7-3. Tom Weaver was then held up on the line but a quick ball out to Jon Higgins saw the fly half's swift and accurate miss-pass taken on by Simon Fletcher who sent in Matt Farrington for the try to make it 12-3.

Longton were struggling with the pace of DK's game and a third try duly arrived after 20 minutes when Stefan Thorp ramaged through the visitor's cover. Simon Fletcher nailed a difficult conversion to increase the DK lead to 19-3.



No 8 Tom Bissell sets up a ruck whilst flanked from left, Pete Knight and Ian Langford wait for the ball

Fly-half Chris Buck kicked a penalty for Longton on 22 minutes when DK were slow to roll away from a ruck to make it 19-6.

The bonus point fourth try came after 31 minutes when Higgins passed to Stefan Shillingford. Simon Fletcher converted. A fifth DK try came in stoppage time when Tom Bissell crashed over to make it 33-6 at the break. Half Time.

### DK 33 Longton 6

Now against the strong wind DK had to defend and never gave the visitors so much as a sniff of a try. Longton huffed and puffed and certainly put DK under pressure, containing them inside their own half for almost 20 minutes.

Shillingford took play up to the Longton 22. The visitors infringed and the reliable boot of Simon Fletcher stroked over the penalty to up DK's lead to 36-6 after 61 minutes.

When DK scored the try of the game after 70 minutes it was well and truly up for Longton when Stefan Shillingford galloped 50m to the corner.

DK scored a seventh and final try as Matt Farrington stepped around several dazed defenders. Simon Fletcher made the final score 48-6.

## Tividale head into second round of the FA Vase

### TIVIDALE 4 WESTFIELDS 1

Tividale progressed to the second round of the FA Vase with a tremendous performance to demolish Midland Alliance leaders Westfield despite being reduced to nine men. It was the visitors who had the first attempt on goal when the lively Richard Kear shot over the Tividale bar from 20 yards.

The breakthrough came on 10 minutes when Brett Clark was sent tumbling to the ground by visiting goalkeeper Jamie Moore. Chris Russell stepped up to convert the spot-kick. Four minutes later Tividale doubled their lead when the visitors failed to clear one of several set-pieces that had resulted from some nasty challenges.

The ball fell to full-back Joel Kettle and he acrobatically belted the ball into the net, much to his and his team-mates' delight.

On 20 minutes Clark firmly planted a great header past Moore from six yards, only for the linesman to raise his flag for offside. A move in the 25th minute involving several players left Russell in a one-on-one against the visitors' goalkeeper but he unselfishly squared the ball when a shot could have brought a goal and the ball was hacked clear. Ten minutes later the home side got the third goal that they had threatened for some time when Lee Chilton burst into the box and tested Moore with a rasping drive which the keeper beat out, but only to the same player, who tapped the

ball into the empty net as the goalkeeper lay prostrate on the floor.

In the 39th minute defender Mark Turton was dismissed after a fracas.

The game was virtually settled in the 61st minute when a poor back pass was pounced on by Russell and he slotted home.

Tividale were reduced to nine men just six minutes later when the powerful Duncan Edwards was given a straight red card by referee Allsop after what seemed an innocuous tackle.

The resulting free-kick led to a penalty for the visitors after the ball was handled in the box and Robbins pulled one back.

Tividale travel to Coleshill Town on Saturday.

### DUDLEY TOWN 12 WOLVERHAMPTON UNITED 3

Records were smashed left and right as Dudley Town chalked up their biggest victory in their 123 year history with a 12-3 victory over struggling First Division outfit Wolverhampton United.

The night also saw young Robins forward Rion Francis-Mills become the first Town player since Malcolm Payne against Atherstone Town in 1967 to bag five goals in one match.

Andy Burgess used the night to give a run out to those who had not made the starting 11 during the 3-3 draw at Malvern Town. This allowed Chris Whitaker, Adam Cross, Rion Francis-Mills, Nikki Faux and Josh Dunn a place in the side, whilst Danny Ludlow, Rob Whitley, Alex Perry, Dreniz Bala and Ben Store all found themselves on the bench or given the evening off. Right from the get go it looked an ominous evening for the beleaguered visitors whose young squad at times looked like the proverbial rabbits in the headlights.

### Account

It did take 15 minutes for Town to open their account for the evening though, when Faux cut in from the left flank and put the ball past stand-in goalkeeper Michael Parker. It was two on 22 minutes when Francis-Mills grabbed his first of the night as he headed an Anthony Cox cross past Parker. Dudley didn't have to wait long to make it three, this came just four minutes later when new signing Josh Dunn scored a fine goal.

By the time Wolves United had got themselves within a shout of Town they had fallen four behind when Francis-Mills slotted a simple shot into an empty net after some fine work in the box from Faux.

United's Carl Rendell would indeed bag a hat-trick on the night and his first came on 36 minutes when he stole in and planted an unstoppable shot past Luke Cunningham to make it 4-1. However by half time Ross Love had made it five after a simple header on the far post connected to another Cox cross. Only five minutes into the second half Dudley had scored six with Francis-Mills. Then came three goals in three minutes. First rendell netted in the 55th minute and completed his hat-trick on 57 minutes either side of a Ross Love strike. Nikki Faux grabbed the eighth on 64 minutes before Francis-Mills made it nine 10 minutes later.

Goal of the evening had to go to substitute Rob Whitley. Alex Perry added an 11th and Francis-Mills produced the dozen.

## Triples league in second year

A BOWLING club in Kingswinford is hosting its triples league for the second year with 10 clubs from across the Midlands.

Our Lady of Lourdes Bowling Club, held at the church hall on Ulster Drive, is already six weeks into the league which runs until February 17 before the knock out cup gets under way.

The team at Penfields Bowling club have had their first win beating Wal Heath 9-6.

Sedgley, Dawley Brook, Valley Fields and Stourbridge are also showing themselves to be this season's front runners.

Last year's winner Stourbridge and runner-up Kingswinford will collect their trophy at a special presentation evening on Friday December 9.

On Friday November 11 the first match for the Express and Star shield will see the Midlands go head-to-head with Worcestershire.

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